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Trade gap narrows to £14 million

Tories choose economy as battleground

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR claimed that Britain was booming and raised the spectre of a return to industrial warfare under Labour yesterday as he tried to get back on the offensive after a faltering start to the election

campaign.
Along with Kenneth Clarke,
Michael Hesettine and other ministers, Mr Major played the economy card, helped by the latest trade figures showing the narrowing of the deficit to only £14 million in 1996 after reaching nearly £4 billion the previous year.

The Prime Minister declared that his ambition to double living standards over 25 years would be put at risk by Labour, who could never stick to Conservative spending plans and would tax more.

Mr Clarke issued 10 economic pledges, including an eventual 20p basic rate of tax and inflation at less than 2.5 per cent, and challenged Gordon Brown to match them.

Mr Major and other ministers fasteried with glee on to long-standing plan to require panies where more than 50 per cent of the employees want it as a sign that Labour was

clear Labour are entering the first step into fresh deals with

Mr Heseltine said Labour's proposals would put the unions back in the driving seat of industry and "send a shiver down the spine of every businessman in the land". British companies would be turned into a "battleground" as unions struggled to achieve the 50 per cent to ensure them negotiating rights:

The union recognition pro-posal, though old, gave the Conservatives a target they relished. They used it to press home warnings about Labour signing up to the social chapter and other European social

The Tories were delighted Turner, the director general of

Maths homework

CHERIE BLAIR learnt a political lesson yesterday -- never try to outsmart children during an election campaign. Just like Dan Quayle, the

former American vice president who mistakenly put an "e" on the end of potato at a school and was ridiculed for not being able to spell, she tripped on her mathematics.

The embarrassing little gaffe happened as - unusual-- Tom Lane, 10, was finishing his Year Six mathematics homework with nine others on Sheffield's Hillsborough football pitch. The Year Six mathematics question, aimed at ten-year-olds, asked the child to calculate how many rides could be taken on a carousel, big wheel and big dipper, and still leave change out of his pocket

money. Mrs Blair helpfully told him: "We've got 50p left, we But Tony ventured: "You've

got 40p left." Mrs Blair hesitantly replied: "Oh yes... of course." Mr Blair, going to her aid, said: "I think you'd better get the rubber out on that one." As the boy laughed, he asked: "Is that Cherie that told you the

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secretly planning to hand more power back to the unions a claim ridiculed by the Labour leadership. Speaking in Exeter, Mr Major said: "It is perfectly

the trade unions."

union recognition in com- the CBI, who said his organisdivides the Blairs By Russell Jenkins

wrong answer; is it?" The boy owned up: "Yes." Before all three burst into laughter - Mrs Blair's a little more embarrassed than the others - Mr Blair added: "Oh

dear, don't listen to her." With foresight maybe a little more astute than her mental arithmetic, Mrs Blair, a leading expert on family law, added: "I suppose I'll never hear the end of it."

Tom, who attends Brookhouse primary school in Beighton, Sheffield, supports Sheffield Wednesday. Mr Blair was waiting to do a live satellite link-up with David Blunkett at Chelsea FC.

The boy found himself at the ground to illustrate a new Labour plan to encourage homework. Premier League clubs will be encouraged to set up centres for study support at or near their grounds, to be open for four hours at a time, six days a week. They will be equipped with the latest

technology. Before the unscripted inci-dent, Mr Blair had volun-teered that he could name most of the Spice Girls. At Losehill Hall, the Peak Park's Environmental study centre. he uncovered an earthworm

and found a frog. Mrs Blair suggested: "If you kiss him I am sure he'll turn into a handsome prince."

ation was opposed to compulsory recognition. "We strongly believe that good employee relations should be built on trust. This cannot be fostered if collective bargaining has been imposed on an employer by a trade union." He strongly welcomed, however, Labour's pledge not to repeal the main

The double attack gave the Conservatives their most comfortable day so far, enabling them to cast aside the shadow that dogged them for most of

But Labour hit back, pointsector suffering under an uncompetitive exchange rate.

Tony Blair said the report Tories would have us believe". tion skills ... They said before 1987 we were living through an economic miracle. They

followed by bust." tion creeps up. it will be impossible to sustain the cur-

rent recovery."
The City had been taken by surprise as last year's balance of payments tally came in at just £14 million - considerably lower than the £400 miltion deficit forecast and a sum dwarfed by the volume of trade, which amounted to £639 billion of imports and

curriculum at the age of 14.

manifesto, children will get a new "school certificate" if they pass the exam. At present 14 year-olds are tested only in English, maths and science.

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Tory union reforms.

of the cash-for-questions affair

ing to warnings from the research group Oxford Ecothat whoever wins the election will have to face tough economic decisions almost as soon as they take office. The report points to rising inflation and a manufacturing

showed "that the economy is On his way to campaign in the Peak District, he said: "They do this before every election. They come along and say Britain is booming, but the truth is that if we want a recovery that lasts, and prosperity for everyone, then we have to tackle the fundamentals, in particular the size of our industrial base and educa-

said it in 1992, and boom was Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, said: After boom comes bust. Kenneth Clarke, having talked tough on inflation. has relaxed his stance as the election approaches. If infla-

exports. Gillian Shephard. Education Secretary, will today announce plans to test children on all subjects in the school Under the proposals, to be included in the Conservate





Terrorists who could have fled, from left, are O Hadhmaill, Magee and Mackin

IRA's Maze tunnel escape plot foiled

Patrick Wilson, a convicted bomber from West Belfast, masterminded the escape plan as the IRA's so called "officer

Patrick Magee, the Brighton bomber, and Thomas Quigley, who was given five commanding on the block. The tunnel, which mealife sentences in 1985 for sured 25 ft square, was dismainland bombing offences, covered by a prison officer at 9.30 pm on Sunday after a were among 95 IRA terrorists section collapsed outside H preparing to escape along the tunnel, which was 7 ft under-Block 7, leaving a hole. Officers discovered a tunnel which ran from a cell inside the block The other prisoners includ-

ed Gerard Mackin and Feilim to just beyond the perimeter O Hadhmaill, who were jailed fence surrounding the block. Using makeshift tools, at the Old Bailey in 1994 for plonting to cause explosions. which had probably been

smuggled into the jail by relatives and Republican sympathisers, the terrorists managed to dig the thick concrete base of the block. In one of the most brazen IRA escape plans, they then dug away from the block to within 30 yards of the prison's main perimeter fence, using chair legs and bed boards to reinforce the walls of the tunnel. The terrorists got the bed boards from the prison doctor by lining up a series of

inmates who complained of

back pain and were supplied

with boards to put under their mattresses. rimeter wall 30 yards away.

The tunnel, fitted with electric lights, had just reached past the block's perimeter fence when it was discovered. The prisoners still had to dig under one more fence before reaching the main prison pe-

Within hours of the discovery of the tunnel, prison officers cleared the 95 IRA prisoners from H Block 7. The inmates were dispersed to the three other Republican H Blocks at the Maze while the

detailed search of the block. Finlay Spratt, the chairman of the Northern Ireland Prison

Officers' Association, said that the tunnel had been very well constructed. He biamed a policy of appeasement by the Prison Service for allowing prisoners to do as they like in Mr Spratt called for an

inquiry to examine the escape plan and the wider issue of the running of the prison. He said: "We need to make the public aware of what is going inquiry into the running of the Maze and claimed that it was disgraceful that prison officers were virtually controlled by terrorist inmates.

The 500 terrorist prisoners at the Maze, which include Republicans and lovalists held in eight separate H Blocks, are free to roam around their wings. They each have their own cell, are allowed unlimited access to recreational facilities and are rarely troubled by prison officers.

Relaxed regime, page 4

HM. PRISON MAZE Tunnues beth THE NEWBURY BY-PASS

CHIEF IRELAND

THE Government was under

mounting pressure last night

to launch a review of the

prison regime in Northern

Ireland after the most auda-

cious attempt by the IRA in

more than a decade to escape

from the high-security Maze

The Prison Officers' Associ-

ation in Northern Ireland

blamed a "liberal regime" at

the jail for allowing terrorists

Block 7, which houses some of

the IRA's most notorious ter-

rorists.

ground,

Hired killer jailed A contract killer brought over from Dublin to London to settle a gangland feud that has cost eight lives was jailed for life at the Old Bailey

Life-saving diet

More than 30,000 lives could be saved each year if everyone in Britain ate five portions of fruit and vegetables a day. Deficit narrows. page 27 heart specialists said .. Page 6

Carey strictures on 'living in shame'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

COUPLES living together will bring down the institution of marriage", the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, warms today as he calls for society to rediscover the concept of "shame". In a revealing interview to

mark Easter, the Archbishop says : "Shame is a very important and neglected word." Making one of his strongest condemnations of adultery, he says: "We don't want to point the finger at people just so they feel guilty. but we need to remind them there are moral values worth

He says couples who cohabit may be living a life together which is almost indistinguishable from marriage, and questions why they do not actually get married. Determined to show that the Church of England can and does give a strong moral lead on issues of sexual morality. Dr Carey urges a return to the ethics of the Ten Commandments in an interview with the Easter edition of Radio Times.

"I'm not wishy-washy. I have clear goals, but life is complex. You can still give a moral lead, but it is unwise to say everything is black and white. When there are shades of grey we must paint the picture as it is." Dr Carey goes on to defend

the decision by the Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Rev Mark Santer, to marry a divorcee, Mrs Sabine Bird. The Archbishop, who came under fire for not condemning

the marriage when it was announced recently, calls for

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France remembers another good reason for drinking

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH wine-drinkers were celebrating in the obvious manner yesterday after the publication of a scientific study showing that three or four glasses of wine a day can help prevent sentile dementia in general and Alzheimer's disease in particular. Scientists at Bordeaux University Hospital said that moderate consump-

Neurological Review, were greeted with undisguised enthusiasm.

One of the authors, Dr Jean-Marc Orgogozo, a neurologist, said that research had shown "a really sharp drop in Alzheimer's disease and senility among subjects who drank wine moderately". But further research was necessary before advising the elderly to take a regular daily

tion of wine reduced the risk of "It seems there is no medical reason developing Alzheimer's by 75 per cent. The findings, published in the to advise people over 65 to quit drinking wine moderately as this

habit carries no specific risk and may be of some benefit," Dr Orgogozo said. Light wine-drinking (one or two

glasses a day) did not lead to a significant reduction in the incidence senile dementia or Alzheimer's while heavier drinking (more than four glasses) also carried no apparent health benefit, Earlier research has shown that consumption of wine has a protective effect against heart disease. Although the study was carried out

in Bordeaux the scientists emphasised

that it was not financed by the wine

industry but by insurance and pharmaceutical companies.

The nine-year study, carried out among 3,777 people aged 65 or over in the Gironde and Dordogne regions, compared the onset of Alzheimer's and senility among groups who drank wine lightly, moderately or not at all. Dr Orgogozo said that the apparent benefits of wine might not extend to other drinks. "Until more is found out about beer it is difficult to say whether

it is the alcohol or other ingredients in

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wine that are playing a role."

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Salmond seeks legal block on TV election debate in Scotland



Salmond: not invited to

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Scottish National party will today begin legal action against ITV to prevent the broadcasting in Scotland of any election leadership debate which does not include its leader Alex Salmond.

Amid deadlock in the London talks trying to reach agreement on a format, the SNP had written to both ITV and BBC to clarify Mr Salmond's position in any broadcast leadership debate. ITV replied that he would not be invited to take part.

Yesterday Mike Russell, the chief executive of the SNP, said the ITV

ruling was a clear infrigement of the decided what format the pro-Independent Television Commission's regulations concerning general election coverage.

He said an interim interdict, the Scottish equivalent of an injunction. would be lodged against the Scottish independent television companies STV and Grampian, to prevent the broadcast in Scotland in the election campaign of a leadership debate which did not include the

Mr Russell said the party would seek further clarification from the BBC, which had not yet ruled Mr Salmond in or out of a televisied debate, although it has yet to be gramme would take and whether it would be done by the BBC or ITV

The SNP said it had set both the BBC and ITV a deadline of vesterday to respond to its concerns and ITV had sent a flat rejection.

In a fax to the party, Paul Corley, ID network controller for factual programmes, said: "We are onliged. to ensure due impartiality across IIV's national and regional schedules in the run-up to the general

"The Leader's Debate, if it happens, will be only one televised event among many during the campaign and regrettably we are unable to

to take part 7

In London, the talks between the productives and the three main parties were expected will continue today but informed sources do not expect a deal, if at all, until the end of the week.

Labour is still insisting that the audience should be allowed to put questions, to which the Tories are opposed Lord Holme, who is negotiating for Paddy Ashdown. said the Liberal Democrats were reluctant to take legal action. But they wanted equal participation but not necessarily equal time. "What we won't accept is the spectacle of

house and Paddy Ashdown in a bicycle shed, a linde ghetto of his own, being innerviewed. We want him to participate in the debate," he

Michael Dobbs, the former Tory party vice chairman who is heading the Conservative team, said the broadcasters were putting forward plans which contained a very substantial role for the Liberal Democrat leader.

It is ludicrous to suggest we are scared of Paddy Ashdown. We have set down no conditions. But we are responding to what the broadcasters themselves have put forward,"

Mr Blair and Mr Major inside the Mr Dobbs said. "The Liberals are trying to move the goalposts because they are not treated on an equal basis in terms of election

coverage or election broadcasts."

Tony Blair meanwhile dismissed Tory claims that he was now. running scared of a TV dehate. He insisted: "We have always wanted a debate. The terms of it - let the media and professionals work out. What is important is that the election campaign centres on the key economic and social questions facing the country."

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SNP says it was offered £30,000 to back superquarry

ALLEGATIONS of pre-election bribery and corruption are causing outrage in the god-fearing crofting commu-nities of Lewis and Harris in the Western Isles after the Scottish National Party claimed to have been offered a £30,000 bribe in return for backing the controversial

"superquarry" on Harris. Anne Lorne Gillies, the SNP Isles and a Gaelic singer who regularly performed on television in the 1970s, said she was offered the money in return for her party dropping its opposition to the controversial £70 million quarry. The Scottish National Party has informed the police of the

approach. A decision on planning permission for the quarry, which was the subject of an eightmonth planning inquiry. will be made by the Scottish Secre-tary after the general election. The quarry has divided the islands and set family against

The Scottish National Party says it was approached by telephone six months ago and told that an intermediary who claimed to be acting for Redland Aggregates, the com-pany behind the quarry, had a sum of £30,000 to back the SNP if it changed its policy.

The party did not take the approach seriously because the sum involved was so large. The SNP campaign in the Western Isles will cost a maximum of £6,000. A second approach was made last autumn when votes were offered in return for a change of policy

on the superquarry. Last week a third telephone approach was made to Dr Gillies personally. She said she was told that if she supported the quarry, the caller could get the people of Harris to vote for her. "I felt insulted. There is no way anybody is going to buy my support I put the phone down," she said.

The SNP has not named the intermediary but yesterday he was said to be Captain Bill

Macdonald, the Lewis-born managing director of Stanton Marine in Birkenhead, Merseyside, who was an adviser on shipping matters to Red-lands in 1995. He denies making the approach but admits speaking to Dr Gillies on the telephone last week.

A spokesman for Redland denied that Captain Macdonald was a consultant to the company and said that no one had been authorised to make any approach. "Redland utterly and completely refutes any allegations of bribery. They are totally unacceptable and quite beyond belief," he said. Redland's internal investigations were said to be contin-

uing yesterday. Speaking from Birkenhead yesterday Captain Macdonald said: "I deny the allegations being made. If I had £30,000 I know where I could spend it rather than give it to any political party. I have an honourable reputation and I feel this is the dirty tricks brigade at work.
"I would like to know who

made this bribe offer, I cer-tainly didn't. I think this is a campaign to discredit not only Redlands but myself as well. Dr Gillies telephoned me, no the other way around. I would certainly never discuss supporting any politicial party."

Yesterday the Scottish National Party stood by its allegations and police in Stornoway confirmed they had been informed by the SNP, although no formal complaint had yet been made.

Angus Nicolson, Dr Gilles's agent, said the SNP had decided to go to the police because rumours that it was about to change its policy on the superquarry were rife on Harris. "The third approach was so clumsy as to be almost insulting," Mr Nicolson said. The suggestion being made was that if we changed our view than this person could

sway voters to back us."

Mr Nicolson said the sum of £30,000 had been mentioned only once but that the approach was unambiguous.



Demi Moore, accused of "bumbling and grinding" her way through Striptease

Moore is less as star collects a pair of Golden Raspberries

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES ceremony, the director of the

AS THE world's film stars basked in the glory of Oscar night, Hollywood's best-paid actress received a couple of awards she could well have down without Golden Raspberries for the worst actress and the female half of the

worst screen couple. Demi Moore's "bumbling and grinding" in Striptease, in which she plays a mother who takes up go-go dancing to support her child, earned her the least coveted awards in showbusiness, plastic rasp-berries worth \$2.19, presented by 475 film industry insiders. Ms Moore was paid \$12 mil-

lion for her performance. Burt Reynolds, who played her lecherous admirer, shared the "worst screen couple" award, for which Pamela Anderson Lee's breasts had also been nominated. Marlon Brando won a raspberry as worst supporting actor in The Island of Dr Moreau, and Ms Lee was named Worst New Star for her big-screen debut

in Barb Wire. Otherwise, Striptease all but swept the board, taking six so-called Razzies, including one for the year's worst song, entitled Pussy, Pussy, Pussy (Whose Kitty Cat Are You?). Not a single winner attended the 17th annual Golden Raspberries ceremony, held at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel on Sunday.

lish Patient, Anthony Minghella, was worried that Ralph Fiennes would not win a best actor award because the judges might not have not understood his double role.

Fiennes plays a pilot, hid-eously disfigured by burns, and in flashback a dashing explorer. Minghella said many filmgoers did not realise that Fiennes plays the pilot because of his make-up. The director said: One of

heavily nominated The Eng-

the most extraordinary things about Ralph's performance is that it is two performances in one. Some people have said to me, 'Is that Ralph lying in the

Stores to introduce voluntary genetics labelling

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

CONSUMERS can expect to see new labels appearing on many food packages in the coming months warning that the products they are about to modified or contain modified ingredients.

The increased use of such labelling, beyond that im-posed by the Government and the European Commission, is recommended by the Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD) in a document to be published today. It is intended as a way of dealing with widespread public concern about genetic modification and food safety. particularly in the wake of the BSE crisis. Some scientists claim genetic modifications risk introducing new allergies and illnesses.

The IGD, which includes all Britain's major supermarket chains and main food manufacturers, suggests that whenever they can be identified in a product, the words "genetically modified" appear on ingredient lists or alongside the product name. It warns against negative claims, such as "free from genetically modi-

fied ingredient".

J Sainsbury and Safeway aiready put special labels on tomato paste made with genetically modified tomatoes. ASDA and Iceland have said they will not stock foods which they know are genetically modified or which contain modified ingredients. The problem with that stance is that genetically modified soya arriving at food manufacturers from the US is not labelled as such, and around 60 per cent of prepared foods contain

The IGD is now working on an agreement with American farmers' organisations and distributors to ensure that genetically modified soya coming to the UK is separately packaged and labelled. It

hopes to have the agreement in place by the time of the next soya harvest in September. A number of British food manufacturers, worried about customer resistance, have avoided buying American

soya from the latest harvest. In the meantime, in cases where it cannot be confirmed that ingredients are genetically modified, the IGD recommends that retailers increase the use of leaflets and posters.

Fruit saves lives, page 6

after needle accident A nurse died of an Aids-related condition more than II years after accidentally wounding herself with a dirty needle, an inquest was told. Sister Kathryn McCarthy, then 25, was taking a blood sample from a female patient at the Royal Naval Haslar Hospital. Gosport, when she was jostled from behind and slipped, sticking the needle into the base of her thumb

Nurse caught Aids

The hearing in Salisbury was told that the patient from whom she had been taking blood died of pneumonia as a result of Aids soon after. Miss McCarthy began to suffer from flu-like symptoms a short time later and HIV was diagnosed. She died on March 6 last year. David Masters, the Wiltshire Coroner, recorded a verdict of misadventure.

Canoeist's body found

A body washed up on a beach in Skye on Sunday has been confirmed as that of Gail Webster, 33, an experienced canocist who went missing two weeks ago off Iona. Miss. Webster, a carer working on lona, went missing after she set off on a solo expedition on March 10. A two-day search had turned up only Miss Webster's paddle and wetsuit.

Wheelchair man shot

A disabled man was shot dead as he arrived in the driveway of his home in Bromley, southeast London. Five shots were fired by two masked gunmen who climbed into the back of a white van. The man, in his late 30s or 40s, may have been in his wheelchair after getting out of the car. He was flown to the Royal London Hospital but died within an hour.

New CJD kills teenager

A teenager has been killed by the new form of CJD. Matthew Parker, 19, of Doncaster, died after falling into a coma a week ago. He had been ill for a year. The new variant of CJD - which has been linked to beef - was confirmed last month after a brain biopsy. Matthew, who was fond of fast food, had been studying for four A levels.

Teenagers burnt to death

A 16-year-old-boy believed to have taken his father's car without permission burnt to death after crashing near Inkersail, Derbyshire. The teenager and a girl, also Io, were killed after their car hit a tree. Police were last night trying to identify the youngsters from their dental records. A 16-year-old boy received minor head injuries.

Gambling laws eased

Gambling laws are to be relaxed from April 19 as part of the government programme of deregulation. Casinos and bingo halls will be allowed to accept debit cards and all restrictions on bingo advertising will be removed. Betting shops will be allowed to advertise in newspapers and magazines and midweek football pools competitions will be permitted.

Dismissal claim won

A strict female manager who claims she was hounded out of her job by female staff has won a claim for wrongful dismissal. A tribunal also found Mariene Turner, right, of Streatham, south London, was a victim of sex discrimination after she became pregnant while working for Reed Person-nel. Miss Turner, 43, said that she had been forced to leave after staff made jokes about her pregnancy and



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orchestrated a campaign to get rid of her. They complained to their director that she swore at them constantly and did no work. Last week, the tribunal found Miss Turner had been subjected to sexual discrimination, constructive unfair dismissal and wrongful dismissal. Reed said yesterday they were awaiting a full report on the decision. "Marlene's principal allegation that she had been dismissed by reason of her pregnancy. was unanimously rejected by the tribunal. This means many of Mariene's allegations were rejected by the tribunal."

Trapped whale sets sail

A 40ft sperm whale that has been trapped in the River Forth is believed to have returned to the sea to continue its journey to the Azores. To the disappointment of sightseers but relief of rescuers, there were no sightings of the whale along the Forth yesterday, depite several forays by conservationists

'Shame' of unmarried couples

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Continued from page I greater compassion to be shown. "Here is a man who lost his wife through cancer, who has known this other lady for many years. She was divorced 13 years ago — not of her own making. It is very sad that people can deprive him of the love and joy in this relationship." Dr Carey says there is no reason why a

divorced Prince of Wales could not succeed the Queen as Supreme Governor of the Church of England when he becomes sovereign.

Dr Carey, who has four children, two of

whom are divorced but happily remar-

ness" of marriage, but everyone must live with the reality that four out of ten will end in divorce.

Reluctant to be drawn on whether practising homosexuality is a sin, because he did not wish to be seen as closed to the arguments to either side, he says: "As a church we must make it very clear that homosexuality itself is not a major issue." He continues: "We welcome homosexuals. We want them to feel loved by

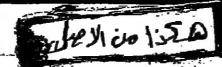
Almighty God, but we disapprove of same-sex relationships." Challenged on whether it is a sin, Dr a person who takes biblical witness very seriously." But, he then adds: "It is terribly important for me not just to say,

this is sinful." Dr Carey admits to interviewer Andrew Duncan that there have been times in his life when he has doubted God. "But that has always provided me with an opportunity to look at my faith again."

He also confesses that he misses being a vicar, and the ministry of caring after people from cradle to grave. "What I find sad about my life now is that it is a ministry of brief encounters," he says.

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Dublin gunman ambushed by detectives as he opened fire in south London crime war

chapter in a saga that began in

1986 with fights in the clubs,

pubs and streets of south Lon-

Old Kent Road area. One in-

vestigator said: "The basic mo-

tivation is territory. They like

to think they are masters of

their couple of hundred yards."

man was shot as he left home

for work. In 1990 there were

fights in a pub in Walworth

Road linked to the Daly fam-

ily. On one occasion, a gun

was thrust into Peter Daly's

mouth. A year later David

Brindle was involved in anoth-

er fight at the pub. One of the

men who attacked him was

Moody who had escaped from

Brixton jail in 1980, In March 1991, Ahmet "Abby" Abdullah, was killed

in a south London betting

shop by two men. A few

months later, David Brindle

In 1988, a south London

on. The feud centred on the

Hitman jailed in gang feud that cost eight lives

A CONTRACT killer brought over from Dublin to settle a gangland feud which has cost eight lives was jailed for life at

the Old Bailey yesterday. Michael Boyle, 49, was ambushed by police marksmen as he opened fire on Tony Brindle outside his home. Brindle, a member of what the court was told was "a south London family well known to the police", survived the attack, which was ordered by a rival family called the Dalys.

Detectives say the 11-year feud was fuelled by disputes over drugs, "respect" and ter-ritory. Victims have included Mr Brindle's brother David. the escaped armed robber James Moody and three innocent men shot in error. Frankie Fraser, former henchman of the Richardson brothers, was wounded in one attack.

Sentencing Boyle, from Inchicore, Dublin, who had denied attempted murder, the Recorder of London, Sir Lawrence Verney, QC, said: "Of all the classes of killer, the contract killer must be regarded as the worst; a man who is prepared to offer his services to take a life of someone totally unknown to him and to do so

"In this case," he told Boyle, "there is a background of a leud which has lasted over many years and has cost eight lives, and it is something of a miracle that there was not a ninth life lost as a result of

David Roads, 51, of Croydon, south London, who was ing firearms with intent to endanger life but was convicted of possessing an explosive substance, possessing firearms without a certificate and handling stolen goods. He

was sentenced to ten years. Scotland Yard officers think that Boyle's attack on Tony Brindle was his second attempt to kill someone in the family. He was the gunman behind a failed attack on his brother George in November 1995 on his doorstep.

Irish police say he mixed in Irish National Liberation Army circles, but anti-terrorist officers dismiss any serious connections. He was convicted of the kidnap of a solicitor and the wife of a businessman in 1984 and later became an informer for the trish police after being arrested for theft.

During the trial, the court was told that Boyle was recruited by a Dublin criminal and drug-dealer called George Mitchell. Mitchell was acting

for Peter Daly, who is now living in Spain. The court was told that Daly was said to have financed Mitchell's Dublin op-Boyle told the Irish police

about the plot and said that three murders had been ordered. He was told not to take part. Boyle ignored the advice, unaware that his handlers had alerted Scotland Yard and the South East Regional Crime Squad. Undercover detectives watched Boyle for eight weeks as he prepared. Brindle was never told of the plot because police feared this could disrupt the attack and

They believed that they would stop Boyle just as he struck. But he caught them unawares, opening fire from a van parked outside the Brindle home. His victim retreated wounded and police hit Boyle five times as he gave chase. According to Scotland Yard

leave them with no evidence.

was murdered in a public investigators, the attack on house one July weekend. An innocent bystander, Stan Silk, was also killed. Daly was charged with at-tacking David Brindle four

days before the shooting but the charges were later dropped. In May 1992, Tony and Patrick Brindle were cleared of killing Abdullah. In November 1992 the manager of a south London public house was shot and killed; in June 1994, Moody. Michael

McCormack, who ran an indexing company, and John Ogden, his manager, were shot in the head in October 1994 as they left a pub in



accused of being Boyle's Tony Brindle, who was wounded in the attack by Michael Boyle outside his home Deadly game of cat and mouse as police stalked hired killer

By OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN ELABORATE game of cat and mouse was played out on the south London streets as Michael Boyle stalked his victim for nearly two months watched by a team of nearly 80 undercover and firearms

According to Boyle the plan was the Brindle family and their hench-cash on them. No charges were men in a simultaneous attack. He brought: Boyle was told to pull out

was recruited on behalf of Peter Daly, described in a court as a bigleague criminal involved in drug trafficking. Boyle, who also worked as an informer, told Irish police that he was involved and even passed on details of a deal between Daly and George Mitchell, Boyle's boss in Dublin. The information led to the arrest in Luton of Daly

of the assasination plan by police, but went ahead. In court it was said that Daly and Mitchell put pressure on him to get on with the killing to prove himself: they suspected someone had tipped off the police about

Boyle travelled to London six times between April and September 1995 to reconnoitre his target. The Irish police had alerted Scotland 110 visits to addresses linked to than Ronnie Kray". He became the Transit van: The van had been

house in Rotherhithe, southeast London, where Brindle lived with his girlfriend, armed police got ready to move in as Boyle walked close to the house and pulled something from under his coat. However, he began to film the house with a camcorder.

Boyle contacted his co-defendant, Yard and they watched Boyle make counsel as "Ronnie Barker rather

by Roads in Lambeth, southeast London, police later found a high powered rifle and an assortment of firearms, quality walkie talkies, a post office uniform and quantities of explosive. More weapons were found in a lock-up belonging to

On September 20, 1995, Boyle house in Camberwell in a Ford

from the inside. He took with him a Magnum revolver and a Browning pistol, and disguised with a wig he drove to Brindle's house, followed

In the back of the van was a bicycle and a can of petrol. Boyle planned to drive away, burn the van and cycle off into the London inside the van the police moved in

Father told children that Bible allowed sex abuse

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THREE victims of sexual abuse by their father, a Jehovah's Witness, spoke yester-day about their years of anguish. Dennis Atwell, 58, who was jailed for eight years last week, had told them that the Bible allowed fathers to have sex with their children.

The children, who are now adults, waived their right to anonymity to encourage other victims of childhood sexual abuse to seek help.

Atwell, a preacher's assistant from Burnham-on-Sea. Somerset, began abusing his son and two daughters when the youngest was aged six. He told each child that they were the only one being abused and threatened to attack the others unless his victim kept quiet. The abuse went on for ten years. The truth emerged last September at a family

party.

Kathy May, 35, successfully applied to the judge at Bristol Crown Court to have reporting restrictions lifted. Mrs May said: "If only we had known what was happening when we were younger, per haps together we would have had the strength to tell someone about it. He took away everything from us - out personalities.

We will never know the people we might have been if he hadn't abused us. He deserves everything he gets: 1 hope he rots in hell.

Annette Manlow, 29, was seven when her father began abusing her. "I kept asking Dad why he was doing this to me when we were taught in church that sex outside marriage was wrong," she said, "But Dad just twisted it around, saying that in the Bible Lot had sex with his daughters when his wife died, so it was allowed.

"Dad used to hang us by the feet over the stairwell if we refused to have sex with him He used to make out it was all a joke."

Atwell, a minister's servant at the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, was sentenced at Bristol Crown Court indecent assault, indecency with a child and incest.

Rescuers fail to save girl from car in river

BY DAREH GREGORIAN

RESCUERS struggled in vain to save a 15-year-old schoolgirl who was trapped 10ft underwater after a car driven by her 17-year-old sister plunged into the River Ouse in Norfolk.

The crash happened on Sunday morning as Isabel Hopkins was driving her sister, Olivia, to a family gathering in Ely, Cambridgeshire. As they drove along the AlO at Brandon Creek, Norfolk, Isabel swerved to avoid an orbel swerved to avoid an on-

coming car.

She lost control and went down a steep embankment into the river. Isabel managed to get out of the car but Olivia was trapped in the passenger seat. Two policemen, a fireman and a passer-by dived repeatedly into river but managed to drag her clear only after she had been under water for almost an hour.

Teachers and friends at Gresham's School at Holt. Norfolk, were yesterday planning a memorial service. John Arkell, the headmaster, said Olivia as a very bright and popular girl and an outstanding hockey player.

Isabel was being comforted by her parents, who both work

Jury hears recording of stabbing victim's death

A JURY listened yesterday to the screams of a wealthy Arab who recorded his own death as he was stabbed 26 times. Before the tape of Habib Saliba being killed was played at the Old Bailey, jury members were warned that nothing could prepare them for

what they would hear. Richard Horwell, for the prosecution, said: "This is not simply a dramatic piece of evidence, it is an extraordinary and distressing piece of evidence. No warning, nothing can prepare you sufficiently for the evidence prepared by the police."

As the screams echoed through the court room, Samantha Enoch, 20, who denies murder, sat weeping in the dock with her head in her hands. Ronald Tamplin. 27, who also denies murder, remained impassive as the jury. who were equipped with sound-enhancing head-phones, listened to Mr Saliba

pleading for his life. Mr Horwell said that Mr Saliba, 47. a Syrian who was assistant vice-president of the Union Bank of Switzerland, lived in a flat in Fulham, west London, and met Ms Enoch when she was a street prostitute working in Park Lane. For 25 years he regularly



Saliba: he was stabbed 26 times in his flat

paid her for sex. In addition to the commercial status, he was very fond of her and concerned about her returning to live as a prostitute, especially as she had a young son."

However. Mr Horwell said. the relationship turned sour before the murder in June last year when Ms Enoch stole £300 from his cash box. Mr Saliba later discovered that his mother's diamond ring. valued at £8,000, and other jewellery had also been taken. Samantha Enoch killed him for reasons of greed and out of a desire to have him silenced." Mr Saliba had been in a position to press charges

against Ms Enoch which

could have resulted in her

being sent to prison. Tamplin,

wards her. "He assisted his friend in her hour of need." Mr Saliba had intended to

visit his mother in Syria and wanted to return the ring to her. But, Mr Horwell said, Ms Enoch had pawned the ring and then effectively sold it on to another client. He said she tried to recover the ring but her client told her he had sold it on. That decision to lie to Enoch may have cost Habib Saliba his life." Mr Horwell said Mr Saliba.

a single man, had purchased a mini tape recorder in the hope of building up evidence against Ms Enoch. In one recorded telephone conversation. Mr Saliba was heard telling Ms Enoch that unless she gave him back the ring, he would hound her for the rest of

Mr Horwell said that when Enoch and Tamplin, both of Clapham. south London, confronted Mr Saliba at his flat on the day he died, he had secreted the tape recorder in his room. When it was played in court the jury heard Mr Saliba screaming and shout-ing for the attack to stop.

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Thatcher adds regal note to her letters

BARONESS THATCHER has redesigned her notepaper, giving correspondents the vague impression that she is still the Government, or possibly even the Queen (Alan Hamilton writes).

The former Prime Minister's letters now bear the royal coat of arms with the words "Margaret Thatcher" underneath, as though it were her own rather than that of the Sovereign. Her address, and the fact that she is a member of the House of Lords, have been relegated to the bottom of the page.

Peers normally use the official notepaper of the Upper House, which carries the royal coat of arms and the prominent words "House of Lords" within an oval. Members of the Lords, even former Prime Ministers such as Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, then have their names printed or typed immediately underneath. Heraldic experts said yesterday that Lady Thatcher's version was unusual, but they



The notepaper: "recipient friendly"

have so far been unable to find that it breaks any rule. Lady Thatcher's office said that the

redesign was intended to make the letters more recipient-friendly. We send out thousands of letters every year, many of them abroad where she is still known as Margaret Thatcher, she feels she wants to be known as that," her spokesman said, pointing waspishly to the masthead Previously the coat of arms on her

letterhead was accompanied by the words "Margaret. The Lady Thatcher, OM. House of Lords. Landon SWI". Now the address is at the foot of the page with her title "The Rt Hon The Baroness Thatcher", an acceptable alternative. Thomas Woodcock, Somerset Herald

at the College of Arms, said the device used by Lady Thatcher was undoubtedly the royal coat of arms, widely used in government departments, law courts and other state institutions run in the Sovereign's name, "Lady Thatcher's personalising of the House of Lords device gives slightly the wrong impres-

Buckingham Palace said that the choice of letterhead was a matter for Lady Thatcher and the House of Lords

Terrorists rule in jail blocks where staff fear to tread

BEHIND the imposing con-crete walls and wire fences of the Maze prison, hundreds of IRA and loyalist terrorists enjoy astonishingly relaxed conditions which allow them to live as prisoners of war in all but name.

Cells are left unlocked 24 hours a day on each of the prison's eight H blocks and immates are rarely troubled by prison officers. Alan Shannon, Director-General of the Northern Ireland Prison Service. admitted earlier this year that a lax regime was in force when he said that prisoners exer-cised "a considerable degree of control within their wings".

Life on H Block 7, from which IRA terrorists managed to dig a 40ft tunnel underground, is typical of the regime at the Maze's eight H blocks. The 95 IRA prisoners on H Block 7 have unlimited access to gyms, their own kitchens with microwave ovens, and eating areas with

Ministers insist that Maze inmates do not have special status, but the regime is astonishingly relaxed, says Nicholas Watt

cell. Many can talk to the outside world on mobile telephones smuggled into the Maze by relatives or sympathisers. Most IRA terrorists on H7 have barely any contact with the seven prison officers nominally in charge of the

The officers sit behind two metal grilles in the cross-bar section linking the two legs of the block, which is known as the circle. The main contact between the two sides comes at mealtimes, when food is delivered to the blocks from the main prison kitchen. A prison officer opens the grille and pushes the food in a heated box over to the prisoners. One prison source in North-

ern Ireland said that officers were supposed to make sure that nothing untoward happened on the blocks, but in practice they rarely walked down the wings because they would be beaten up.

Until the prisoners were the dispersed around Maze yesterday, authority within H7 effectively rested with Patrick Wilson, the IRA's "officer commanding" on the block. Wilson, 37, from West Belfast. who was jailed for 24 years in 1993 for attempting to make a car booby-trap bomb, was in charge of drawing up duties for the prisoners and served as their contact with the prison

Wilson, who is relatively unknown outside republican circles, had authority over some of the IRA's most notorious terrorists, who have recently been transferred to H7. They include Patrick Magee,



Prison officers at the Maze rarely patrol the H blocks for fear of being beaten up. In practice the inimates run their own forms of discipline

the Brighton bomber, and Thomas Quigley, who was given five life sentences in 1985 for mainland bombings.

The lax conditions at the Maze were gradually intro-duced after the 1981 hunger strikes, when ten republican prisoners starved themselves to death in a campaign to be treated as "prisoners of war". The hunger strikers, who were led by the late Bobby Sands, category status which allowed terrorist prisoners in Northto wear their own clothes, avoid prison work and have freedom of association.

Margaret Thatcher's Government initially rejected the prisoners' demands and insisted that they were common criminals. However, by the mid 1980s, the prisoners' dethough ministers insist to this day that prisoners do not enjoy special-category status and that the terrorists are treated as criminals.

The Government bowed to pressure from the IRA because of a fear of a return to the widespread disorder surrounding the hunger strikes, which turned Sinn Fein into a potent electoral force. Ministers admit privately that, if they confront prisoners, they risk inflaming the wider com-

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munity. The new conditions applied to the four H-blocks housing republican prisoners and the four blocks which

house loyalist inmates. The relaxed regime came under fire in 1983 when 38 IRA inmates staged the biggest breakout in British prison history. A prison lorry was ficer was killed. Fifteen terrorists were swiftly recaptured, a

within three days, but nine

teen got away.

Gerry Kelly, the convicted IRA bomber who orchestrated the 1983 escape and who has lighted with his colleagues for attempting to break out.
Speaking in West Belfast yesterday, he said: "They are prisoners of war. It is their duty to escape from jail."

IRA failed to dig as deep as the heroes of Colditz

BY RICHARD FORD

THE IRA terrorists who tried to tunnel out of the Maze were attempting to emulate the legendary exploits of Al-lied prisoners who escaped from Colditz during the Second World War.

But the IRA men failed in one crucial way: they did not dig deep enough through the gravel around H block 7, so their tunnel collapsed.

It is estimated that the IRA had been working on the tunnel for at least 14 weeks. When the French prisoners of war tunnelled out of Colditz it took about six months to complete 120ft, though work was slowed by difficult geo-logical formations. A 20ft tunnel excavated in 1940 by British PoWs at Laufen, a former archbishop's summer palace near Salzburg took from July 14 to September 4 to

Ken Lockwood, 85, secretary of the Colditz Associ-

CORRECTIONS

A report (March 18) that

Withyfield, an old people's home in Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, was due to

close at short notice said that bailiffs had been callled in by

TC Group. The group did not call in bailiffs. It does not operate or own the borne, but

is responsible for the owner's

A transmission error re-

versed the meaning of a phrase in Norman Stone's

review (March 20) of Dan van

der Var's book The Good Nazi

- the Life and Times of

Albert Speer. Mr van der Val

should have been described as "an experienced writer".

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Colditz Castle: Allies' tunnel provided escape

ation, described how they made scoops out of disused from workmen coming into the camps and shored up the roof of the tunnel with slats from their beds.

"The French tunnel was lit by electricity harnessed from the German supply to the camp. They had a system of hauling the debris out of the tunnel using handmade trucks and rope pulleys," he said. The tunnel was even ventilated.

Earth removed from the tunnel was poured through gaps in the floorboards. Mr Lockwood said that the men doing the digging became very dirty but the start of the tunnel had been put next to the washroom, allowing the men to clean themselves

Although the IRA men clearly copied many of meth-ods used by British prisoners of war, the men in Colditz had one advantage over those in the Maze. Pat Reid, the man behind tunnels at Laufen and Colditz. was a civil engineer.

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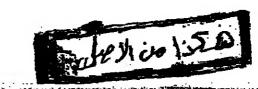
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· Teachers taunted problem pupils as part of therapy

Y JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A SCHOOL for maladjusted children has been banned from using a system of taunting in an effort to help them to control their anger.

The "barb" technique, in which teachers verbally baited vulnerable children, was used at Springfield Special School in Calne, Wilsshire, to train those who had reacted violently to taunts to find a nonaggressive way of responding. Wiltshire County Council banned the practice on Friday after social services inspectors deemed it unacceptable.

One boy whose mother had died was taunted in an effort to help him to overcome his loss and prevent him from reacting violently when her death -was mentioned. The technique was also used on a boy who had been subjected to.

racist racial abuse. David Oakensen, a Labour councillor, said: "I am appalled that the use of this technique has been discovered in one of our schools. I can imagine that, if a parent did this to their child, it would not be well received by social services. The use of this so-called barb technique is exactly the kind of thing we are trying to stamp out. It's child abuse under another name."

The use of the technique came to light during a routine

social services inspection of the school, which has 43 pupils aged between 14 and 16. The inspectors said that relations between staff and pupils were good, but added: The use of this technique in desensitising a child to distaunts is felt to be totally

inappropriate."
The technique was considered by the council's education manded that it be banned.

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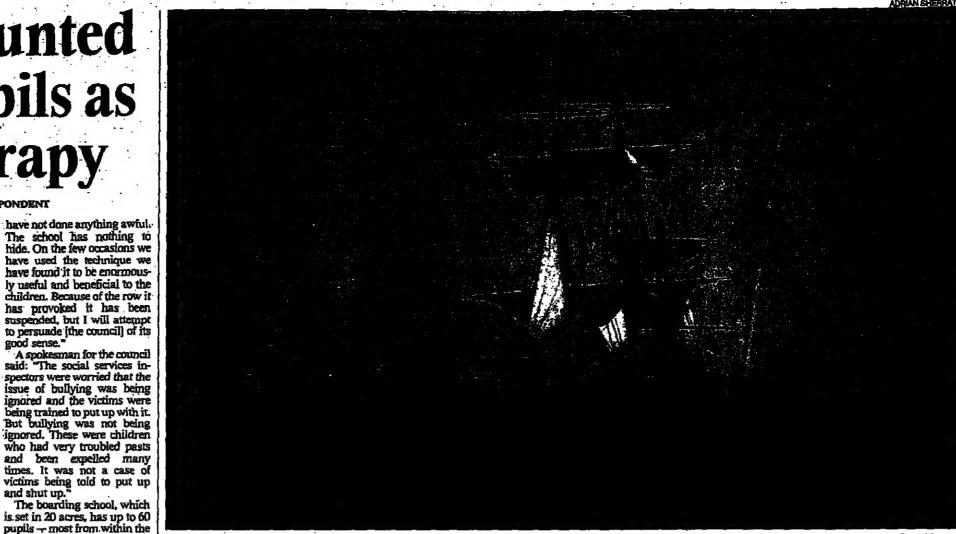
year each. The average ad-

mission age is 144.

Richard Nethercott, the head teacher, said the technique had been misunderstood. It had been used only five times since 1983, he said, on children who were especially sensitive to taunts. The aim was to help them to find ways of controlling their emotions and tempers.

The children, many of whom had been expelled from normal schools for violent behaviour, were taught relaxation techniques to help them to cope with their anger. The "barbing" was done by a trusted teacher, away from other pupils and with the agreement of the child and his parents, as part of the training. The child was taught to turn away instead of lashing out, to avoid eye contact and control his breathing.

Mr Nethercott said: "We



A full-sized replica of Captain Cook's Endeavour arriving in Gravesend yesterday, before sailing up the Thames today to Tower Bridge. She will be moored there for two days before moving to Greenwich, where she will be open to the public from March 28 to April 13. She will then tour 14 ports in Britain. An exhibition entitled Cook and the Endeavour is open at the National Maritime Museum until September 28

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State cuts support for special school over crime claim

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

A PRIVATE school for children with disciplinary problems, which was the subject of a damning report by inspectors last menth, has had its government approval withdrawn amid adlegations of criminal activities by publis.

Bradfield House School, at inspected by three organisations in recent weeks. The original report, by the Office for Standards in Education. said foul and abusive language was common in lessons and bullying was rife. Rodney Wharton, the

school's managing director, initially refused to publish the report or produce an action plan to tackle the alleged failings. He lodged a personal appeal against the findings and said yesterday that he still did not accept the criticisms. Bradfield House, where fees

are £40,000 a year, has 28 children with special educanional needs, aged between Il and 16, who have been sent to the school by education authorities across the country. In future any local authority wanting to place a child at the school will need approval from the Education Secretary. Ofsted's inspection came after a visit from Devon social

was triggered by complaints from the public. Since then officials from the Department for Education and Employment have been to the school and the county's social services department has made a return visit

A DEEE spokesman said allegations of child protection incidents and alleged criminal activities on the part of pupils at the school." The Devon and Cornwall Constabulary said that an investigation was

But Mr Wharton questioned the DFEE inspection. saying: They said they put some inspectors in a couple of weeks ago, but in fact they did not. Four gentlemen arrived to help us with our action plan. They did not inspect the school in any way. They had a chat to a few people and a quick walk round. You could not say that was an inspection."

Mr Wharton added: "Despite requests, we have not yet been told the specific grounds on which this letter has been based on information which is in some respects out of date and in other respects mistaken and wrong. We have a dedicated and committed staff and good premises."

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having homosexuals as fos-

ter parents. "This is political correctness gone mad."

she said. "The council has

run a steamroller through

my wishes and those of the

"I'm not homophobic,

but my son is the kind of

the boy who likes to hold

hands and kiss people. I

wouldn't feel happy if two

men were giving him these sort of cuddles. I think he'd

The boy was due to begin

living with the couple at the

end of this week to be

nearer to his natural fam-

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Mother of boy in gay fostering row

has failed to attend any meetings with social work-ers to decide his future, it emerged yesterday. The boy, who cannot be named, was put into care by his mother two years ago because she could not cope. meeting two weeks ago at

which social workers from Southwark council in south London decided to place the boy with a homosexual couple who have been fostering children for six years. The boy, who has visited them and wants to take up the placement, is currently living with foster parents in Kent.

She failed to attend a case

A MOTHER who criticised

a local authority for placing her II-year-old son with

homosexual foster parents.

with his behaviour.

A spokeswoman for the council said yesterday that social workers had been inviting the bey's mother and grandmother to attend meetings about his future Christmas. The grandmother had attended

one, the mother none. The women told a national newspaper that they were worried that the boy

tor of social services, said the couple had an excellent record of working with children and young people with needs similar to those of the boy in question. "Whilst the natural parents have not participated, we have made every attempt to work with them and meet their needs throughout the

planning stages."

£5,750 to master pasta

By ROBIN YOUNG

A SCIENTIST has been given £5,750 to discover why some pasta goes sticky. In the interest of research, Gordon Wiseman, 43, will spend seven weeks abroad eating as much pasta as he can.

Dr Wiseman has been granted a Winston Churchill travelling fellowship for projects likely to benefit the public. He hopes to discover ways in which short, fat durum can be reliably differentiated from the softer, plump wheats used in breadmaking.

Dr Wiseman, who works for Ranks Hovis McDougall in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, said yesterday: Few people can distinguish pasta made with cheap grain, except maybe Italians. But everyone notices when their pasta is sticky. Supermarkets face prosecution if anything they sell as 100 per cent durum is not." He has calculated that adulteration with bread wheat could save pasta producers

It's whisky no more for Manx distiller

By DANIEL McGrory

THE Isle of Man distillery that produces clear "whisky" was told yesterday that it

could no longer call it that.

Making his ruling in the
High Court, Mr Justice Rattee conceded that he had indulged in a nip of Glen Kella and was mindful that experts had said it tasted like "very good whisky". How-ever, it was not his palate that decided the issue, but the evidence.

Glen Kella comes from casks of Scotch whisky which are distilled at a family-run plant in Sulby to remove the distinctive amber coloration. The judge said he was very conscious of the evidence from an experienced taster. However, whether it tastes like whisky is not the point, any more than whether it looks like whisky, which it certainly does not." He said the essential point was that, for it to be called whisky, it must have been matured after distillation for at least three years, and this spirit had not. Andrew Dixon, managing



Andrew Dixon with a sample of his product: "I can't understand the judgment"

director of the Glen Kella distillery, said: "This is enough to turn you to drink. I regard the judgment as a is doing no harm."

Although he gave an under-taking that Glen Kella would not be labelled as whisky in the United Kingdom, he insisted that his brew would not disappear from the shelves. He was already considering

The action against the island distillery was brought by

two drinks companies, United Distillers and Allied Domecq. and the Scotch Whisky Assirciation. Both sides agreed that Easter on whether the injunction should be widened to include all European Union

The Scotch Whisky Association welcomed the verdict. \ spokesman said it was vital "that the integrity of the description whisky should be preserved as an essential element in protecting the

description 'Scotch whisky' " Mr Dixon, who was in court with his only employee. Boh Taylor, said he was considering an appeal but had to hear in mind the cost. His distillery sells only 50,000 bottles a year, mainly to tourists in the Isle of Man and

for export to the Far East. All the regulatory hodies had approved the drink, he said. "I can't understand this: been matured because its base product has been matured."

Fruit and veg can in save 30,000 lives save 30,000 lives a year, say doctors

could be saved each year if everyone in Britain ate at least five portions of fruit and vegetables a day, heart specialists said vesterday. They emphasised that vitamin pills were not an adequate substirute for earing greens.

The average daily consumption of fruit and vegetables is currently three servings a day. International evidence suggests that a rise to five servings a day would out heart disease deaths by at least 20 per cent, from 150,000 to 120,000 a year. The number of heart disease and a half servings a day is average, is less than half the current British figure.

A serving is 80 grams (2.8) ouncess. Frozen, canned or processed products are acceptable as well as fresh. The National Heart Forum, an judgment. Our drink has umbrella group of medical organisations, emphasised that . diet suppiements were not an

MORE than 30,000 lives adequate replacement for a good diet.

Scientific research suggest ed that it was the vitamins in fruit and vegetables that provided their protective effect. Their antioxidant properties neutralised the harmful free radicals circulating in the blood, preventing fatty depos-its on artery walls.

Big studies of vitamin pills, conducted in several countries, had failed to show a protective effect against heart disease, the forum said. Studies of vitamin A supplements suggested that they might increase the risk of heart disease and hung cancer, especially among smokers.

Professor Desmond Julian. chairman of the forum, said: However easy it may be to take vitamin pills to supplement the diet or cut corners in busy lives, we should avoid the temptation to do so. The vital health-giving properties of fruit and vegetables will not be found in vitamin pills

Imogen Sharp, director of the forum, said: "The solution lies in the fruit bowl and the vegetable rack, not the medicine cabinet. Any type is OK: it can be frozen, tinned, dried or cooked." Although processing and cooking reduced the vitamin content of food, the goodness was not destroyed.

In Mediterranean countries, olive oil and red wine

and a half portions:

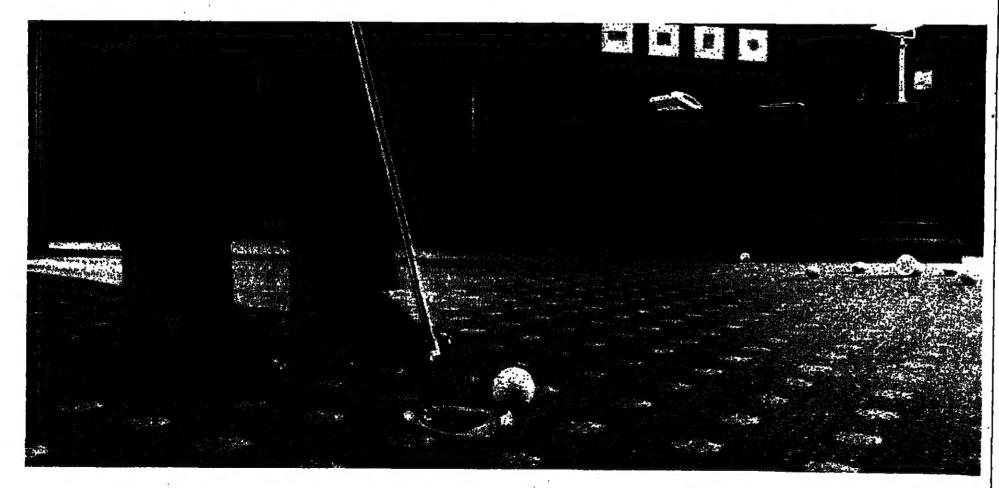
add to the health-giving effects of fruit and vegetables. The red wine factor could account for France having the lowest heart-disease death rate in Europe, despite unly average consumption of fruit and

Professor Michael Marmot, a cardiovascular epidemiologist at University College London, said the study scientists had been puzzled by the vitamin supplements' lack of effect on heart-disease rates. He said the trials might not have lasted long enough, the antioxidants examined might not have been the ones that vitamins given as supplements might have different biological effects from those

taken as part of the diet. He said, however, that the benefits of increasing fruit and vegetable consumption to five servings a day were well established. "Other things being equal, our estimate would be of the order of a 20 to 30 per cent reduction in heartdisease mortality."

The benefits of the dietchange should be apparent within five years. Professor Marmot said. The forum has urged the Government to launch a five-year campaign. costing £25 million, to persuade people to eat more fruit and vegetables.

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roll (one portion), piece of cake, cup of tea. Evening: lamb chop. potatoes, carrots and sprouts (two portions), rhubarb crumble and custard (one portion). Total: five portions. Tablets are no substitute for fresh produce

DIETS FOR HEARTY LIVING

The National Heart Forum has suggested three daily diets that

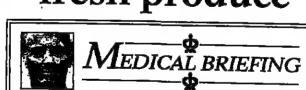
☐ The Office Worker — morning: fruit juice (one portion). breakfast cereal with sliced banana (one portion), cup of tea. Lunch: sandwich with lots of salad plus tomato and celery stick (one portion), apple (one portion). Evening: pasta with tomato-based sauce and broccoli (one and a half portions). Total: five

☐ The Slimmer — morning: half a grapefruit (one portion), cup of coffee. Lunch: baked potato with vegetable filling, such as baked beans (one portion). Mid-afternoon: peach (one portion).

Evening: vegetable hotpot (two portions). Total: five portions.

The Traditional — morning: fruit juice (one portion), toast and marmalade, cup of tea. Lunch: vegetable soup and bread

will ensure a healthy intake of fruit and vegetables



CARDIOLOGISTS and experts in nutrition are agreed that there is overwhelming evidence that a diet rich in fresh fruit and vegetables offers a defence against heart

Although the beneficial link between these foods, together with red wine, and the incidence of coronary heart disease is proven, there is as yet little proof that taking vitamin supplements will provide additional protection for someone whose tissue levels of the antioxidant vitamins is consistent with a liberal intake of

Professor Brian Pentecost. medical director of the British Heart Foundation, said: There is hard evidence from research at Cambridge that vitamin E supplements significantly reduce the incidents of coronary thrombosis but, disappointingly, there is not a similar significant reduction in the death rate."

It can be demonstrated that additional folic acid reduces levels of homocysteine (a sulphur-containing amino acid); high homocysteine levels are associated with coronary heart disease. As yet, however, there is no research data showing that folic acid supplements actually reduce the number of heart attacks.

Most of the benefits to cardiovascular health attributed to eating fresh fruit and vegetable and drinking red wine have been ascribed to the high level of tolic acid. vitamins E, C and beta carotene in these foods. Research on the effect of supplements of these vitamins is as yet inconclusive. Most vegetables contain large numbers of different organic chemicals of the carotenoid type and find-ing the one which is beneficial may prove difficult. Hence the need to take the natural

substance. Sue Southon, a research scientist at the Institute of Food Research at Norwich, has no doubts that a diet laden with carotenoids and

other flavonoids, including those found in red wine. onions and garlic, is healthgiving. She thinks there might be an optimal level for antioxidant vitamins, and that the maximum benefit might be achieved when these levels are in line with those obtained from a diet rich in antioxidants.

It is possible that saturating the tissues beyond this point by taking antioxidant supplements in pill form might become counter-productive, but there are no studies to show this. Nor is there any research to show the effect of supplements on those who protest at eating their greens, and so otherwise would have had low tissue levels of antioxidant vitamins.

Dr Southon has at last persuaded her five-year-old to eat vegetables. "It's been a struggle, but I know that two carrots a day will do her good whereas we will have to wait and see what effect, if any, vitamin supplements would have on the health of the hearts of the nation. Research just hasn't yet been

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Judge dismisses environmentalists' challenge

High Court clears way for quarrying in public park

A 20-ACRE meadow that is home to the rare green winged and pyramid orchids may be ploughed up after campaigners failed yesterday to halt plans for quarrying in a protected public parkland.

A High Court judge ruled that two local residents - both members of Bristol Friends of the Earth - did not have the legal standing to challenge the plans for Ashton Court, near Bristol. The residents had also delayed too long before taking

legal action, the judge said. His decision opens the way for the controversial extension of Durnford Quarry on the Ashton Court estate, which lies along the Avon gorge near Clifton suspension bridge. The extension will involve the "translocation" of the 20-acre Top Park Field, home to sev-

eral endangered wildflowers. Durnford Quarry already covers 64 acres of the Ashton Court estate, which has been public parkland since 1959 and is registered as of special Heritage. Top Park Field is recognised as a wildflower habitat of regional importance.

The house and estate are owned and operated by Bristol City Council, but they fall within the boundaries of North Somerset council.

Yesterday Mr Justice Popplewell refused Amanda Garnett. 25, and Chris Pierssene, 24, permission to seek judicial review of North Somerset's decision to grant Pioneer Aggregates (UK) permission to extend Durnford quarry to Top Park Field. He said: "I have concluded that the two applicants don't have sufficient interest to bring these proceedings and they have not acted promptly."

The judge added that, although he thought he would give leave on the merits of the application, he thought the prospect of the applicants succeeding was "fairly slim". John Barrett, for the two applicants, asked for leave to

al environmental protection appeal, saying the case had policies and said that it was raised an important matter. The judge refused. based on inadequate inquiry into environmental impact.

plan and the planning appli-

cation included restoration of

the entire quarry complex

once it had been worked out,

the judge said. Local environmental cam-

paigners regard the proposals to move the field as a

smokescreen and say that the

meadow is doomed forever if the quarry plan goes ahead. Andrew Gilbart, QC, for Ms

Garnett and Mr Pierssene.

had attacked the planning

committee's decision as flying

that Top Park Field included a Ms Garnett said yesterday: The court is saying that two wildflower meadow which it people who live in the area was proposed to move, or and use the park cannot have locus standi (the right to bring "translocate", to another field outside the park. The area an action] ... It is like the people of Bristol's opinion comprised natural grassland "containing many uncommon species and a grassland comdoesn't count. If we don't have locus, I don't know who can munity of regional importance". It was protected under the Avon county structure

Ms Garnett added that plans to move the meadow, which had a rare mix of wildflowers and grasses, were ludicrous as the proposed new site was high in nutrients and unsuited to the unique ecosystem of the meadow.

The proposals, which meant extending the 64-acre quarry by a further 20 acres, had been opposed by local MPs and North Somerset councillors, and 22,000 people had signed a petition, she added.

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Alan Suddes, who helped to reintroduce the flower

Extinct British violet returns to its roots

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

A VIOLET that was believed to have been wiped out in Britain decades ago has been reintroduced by the descendants of an emigre who kept the bloom alive in Canada. Robert Robson and his

in 1820, taking cuttings of the pretty, strong-scented, double-headed violet from their garden at Piercebridge, Co Durham. But while the flower flourished on their Toronto farm, the plant was thought to have died out in Britain. Now the decision by one of

wife, Hannah, left for Canada

the Robson's descendants to trace his roots has led to the reintroduction of the flower. Balfour Le Gresley, greatgreat-grandson of the emi-grating Robsons, wrote from Toronto to the Darlington Museum requesting informa-tion about his family and mentioning that his forebear had planted seedlings of the violet when he arrived in

Alan Suddes, the museum's curator, contacted the International Violet Association, which confirmed that the bloom was extinct in Britain. Mr Le Gresley sent cuttings over and the flower is flourishing again at the Dor-

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Back in Britain: the double-headed violet

set home of Clive Groves. vice-president of the International Violet Association. Yesterday specimens were taken for planting at Durham University and it is planned to reintroduce the flower to

Piercebridge. "The violets probably died out in the wild, because of sulphur in the air during the Industrial Revolution." Mr Groves said. "Then during the war, with 'Dig for Victory'. what few remained in flower beds will have been replaced with vegetable plots."

The flower is known to be a member of the sweet violet family, but experts have been unable to trace whether it was given a species name. If not, it is likely to be named the Viola Odorata Le Greslev.

Police fear move towards violence at airport protest

By IAN MURRAY

infiltrating the camps of peaceful environmental protesters trying to stop construction of a new runway at Manchester Airport, according to police. They are believed to include campaigners against the Newbury and Honiton bypasses and from the anti-nuclear camp at Fasiane, near Glasgow.

"In the past week we have seen a new aggressive element creeping into the camps and this is taking the whole protest on to a different plateau," Superintendent Kevin Hart, who runs the police unit at the airport, said yesterday.

Three officers needed hospital treatment when they were ambushed as they tried to help security guards to protect the fence around the site on Sunday night. They were attacked by a group of about 25 who kicked and stamped on them in a deliberate attempt to break limbs," Mr Hart said. These officers were badly beaten and would have had far worse injuries if they had not been wearing protective

Police reinforcements were sent to the scene and a running battle began in the darkness, which lasted for an hour and a half. Three of the protesters were also hurt and the windscreen and headlights of a police Land Rover were smashed with a pickage handle. One protester, a man from Dumbarion, was arrested.

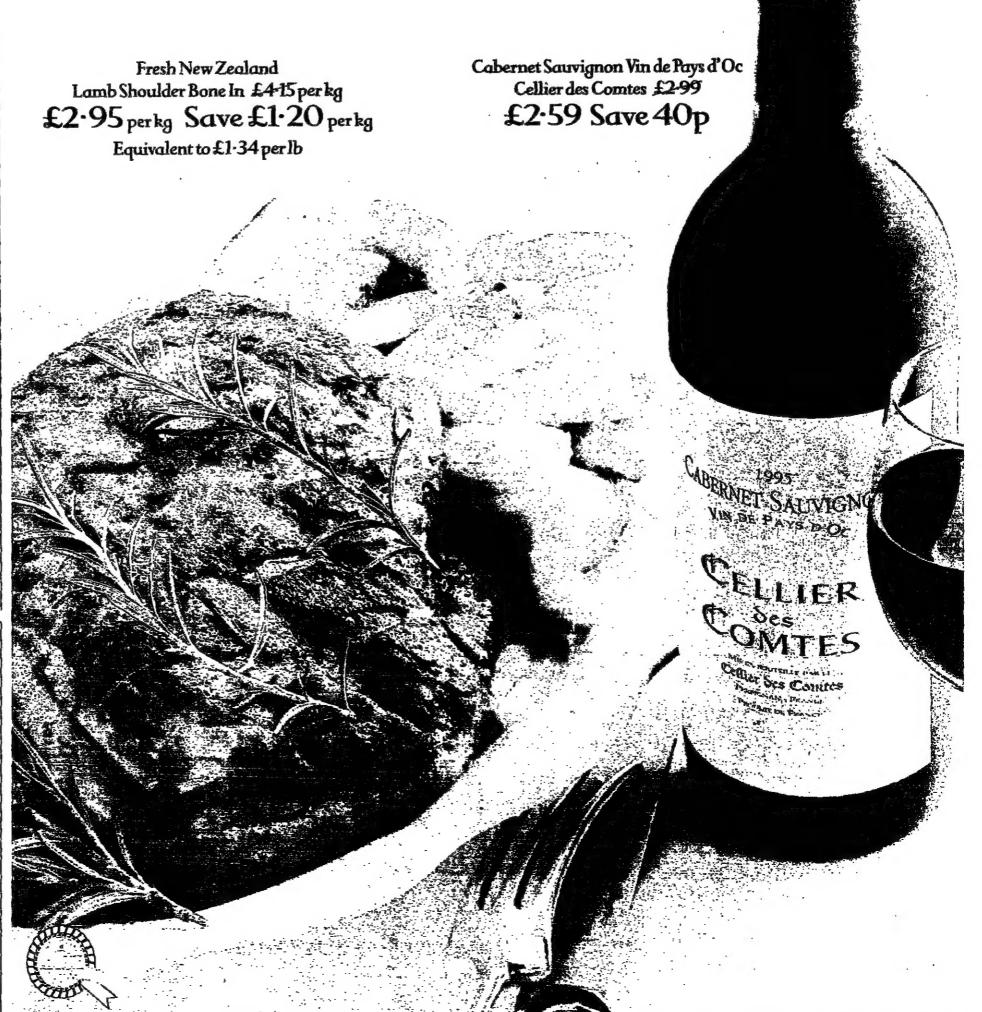
VIOLENT troublemakers are and had his nose broken," Mr Hart said. "While he was being taken into an ambulance they set a large dog on him, who bit him and drew blood. This no longer a gentle protest movement."

He said that in the past. when protesters had made nightly attacks on the fence, they had always dispersed when police arrived. "That seems to have changed. What we are facing now is thuggery by a number of people who scrounge money from wellwishers to buy drink and then become violent.

"The original with a real point to make and respect that. I feel sorry for them now that these violent people have arrived. If they honestly believe in non-violent action, I hope they will do their utmost to get rid of them. As long as these thugs are here we cannot trust the protesters and we will not be able to leave our officers unsupported."

A spokeswoman for the protesters, who gave her name only as Melanie, said: "We will be holding our own inquiry and if we find that any protesters have been involved in unprovoked violence we'll kick them out of the camps. It could be there are infiltrators. but three of our people were injured. We'll want to know if they were provoked. We cannot condone violence. We are peaceful protesters and this sort of behaviour does our

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Public to have run of **Greenham Common**

of a stand-off between the US Air Force and anti-nuclear protesters in the 1980s, is to be reopened to the public. The 840-acre site has been bought by a trust for £7 million and, after underground cables and fuel tanks have been re-moved, will be managed as heathland by Newbury Dis-

trict Council Work on digging up the runways is well advanced. with the rubble used as hard

Spoil from the bypass con-struction site has been tipped at the common to fill in the

holes that are left. Money for renovation and magement of the common will come from the business park developed in the buildings of the former air base.

A peace camp grew up outside the base in protest at cruise missiles, which were deployed at the Berkshire site



Ex-minister backs change of heart on gays in Forces

and a former Chief of Defence Staff yesterday welcomed the Army's decision to review its code of moral conduct, which would effectively remove the ban on homosexuals and relax the strict attitude towards

Although the Government remains adamant that the ban on homosexuality in the Armed Forces will not be lifted, proposals for a revised code, if approved by the army remove discrimination on the grounds of a person's sexual

Sir Archie Hamilton, a for-mer Armed Forces Minister, said he did not think it was right for the military police to "hound" people just because homosexual. He said there should be no action taken against homosexuals who maintained "entirely private"

A FORMER defence minister when the homosexuality was overt and visible. Even if there was a change in attitude in the Army, he did not believe it would be possible for homosexuals to declare themselves openly. Sir Archie said: "If a soldier in The Parachute Regiment declared he was homosexual, there would be a serious risk of him being beaten up. So I think there

would have to be a degree of

hypocrisy, with serving sol-

diers who are homosexual

keeping quiet about it." The Army's review of its discipline and standards guidelines is in its early stages and is not due to be completed until later this year. The guidelines cover every aspect of military conduct, including drunkenness, drug misuse, dishonesty, indebtedness, bullying, and racial and sexual

discrimination. Field Marshal Lord Carver. Chief of Defence Staff from 1973 to 1976, said it was sensible for the Army to

review its code of conduct because it was no longer tenable to "throw people out" for certain sexual behaviour.

He said not every form of sexual activity could be described as subversive or damaging to good order. In the Army it's already the case that you can't run off with the wife of the commanding officer of your own regiment, but nobody gives a damn if you run off with the wife of the commanding officer of another regiment."

of the Royal Navy to fight any change of attitude towards homosexuality was given full support yesterday by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton. Chief of the Defence Staff from 1971 to 1974. He supported the stance taken by Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, who has made it clear that any lifting of the ban on homosexuality would undermine mo-

However, the determination



Lady Olga Maitland made a parachute jump during her fact-finding mission



Miller and Luff see the world through the Navy's eyes

Fact-finding MPs sink to new depths

By Emma Wilkins

TWO MPs joined a sinking ship as part of a fact-finding sion to learn more about the Armed Forces.

Peter Luff (C) and Andrew Miller (Lab) splashed about in a tank designed to simulate the effects of a frigate being hit by a torpedo. The two, part of a group of eight MPs filmed by the BBC, were given the task of hammering ates over holes in the sides but failed to stem the flow.

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Other MPs jumped out of aircraft — Lady Olga Mainland required a push — and tackled assault courses. The resulting documentary. Politicians on Parade, will be

shown on BBC2 this Thurs-

Gerry Steinberg (Lab) and Piers Merchant (C) were locked in an RAF decompression chamber to show the effects of starving the brain of oxygen. They were asked to and crosses and name the

knew Michael Portillo was in Unfortunately it's the Minis

Defence ministry wins reprieve over race record

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Ministry of Defence has avoided an official accusation of corporate racial discrimination after a year of monitoring by the Commission for Racial

In a statement tomorrow, the commission is expected to lift the threat of a formal nondiscrimination notice under the Race Relations Act. However, to escape future action by the commission, the ministry will be expected to show a marked improvement over the next four years in promoting career opportunities for blacks and Asians in the three Armed

The statement follows last week's damning report by the Office for Public Management, a private consultancy, which highlighted racial discrimination in Services. The tolerating institutionalised

The commission was ready to serve a non-discrimination notice on the ministry a year ago after investigating allegations of racical discrimination in the Household Cavalry. However, it agreed to a a fiveear action plan under which the ministry was given 12 months to introduce a number of initial measures to improve training, education and re-

cruiting practices. If the commission had gone ahead with its non-discrimination notice, officials would have had the power under the Race Relations Act to intervene, whenever they felt it necessary, to order the ministry to take action to stop racial

inequality.

The Navy in particular. after last week's critical report. has been anxious to demonstrate the changes it has been making over the past 12 months to improve its reputation as an equal opportuni-nes employer. Navy sources said that training now included a separate equal opportunities "module" so that all naval personnel received the same message that discrimination

of any kind was prohibited. it faces a challenge in trying to boost recruiting among ethnic minorities. The latest figures supplied to the commission this week show that only 0.8 per cent of naval personnel are black or Asian.

A number of army regiments have come forward to show that their recruiting methods have led to a significant influx of black and Asian



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Communist realists backing Labour till the revolution comes

WHEN Mike Hicks, general secretary of the Communist Party of Britain, launched his party's manifesto in London yesterday with the prediction. We don't see ourselves winning," you could have heard a pin drop — not because we were all wrong-footed by this, but because there were so few. of us we could even hear each other breathe when we con-

centrated hard We knew that Communism was a cosy brotherhood, but we never realised just how cosy. Unusually for manifesto launches, every one of the party's candidates attended the meeting at Westminster's Central Hall. All three of them. It was the closest any of them is likely to get to the House of Commons.

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Facing them were just six. journalists, who had spread themselves out over the rows of empty seats. The Communists' looks like being a low-

■ The collapse of capitalism is certain, Joe Joseph learnt at the launch of the communist manifesto, but there may be a long wait

ing a prominent berth at the he would rather Labour won proposed television debate between party leaders, as Paddy Ashdown was? "No, we're realists."

And as for any surprise, last-minute endorsement for his party by, say, The Daily Telegraph or The Express, not such an improbable turnaround, the very idea of a capitalist blessing makes him queasy. As far as he is con-cerned, the only thing that is very likely in politics—indeed certain—is the collapse of capitalism: When?

"I can't tell you how quickly." But what he will say is that when things change, they change very quickly. Revolutionary change will happen."

the election than the Tories, even though "our policies are distinct from the Labour Party's in many ways". So has Tony Blair signalled his gratitude for this support?

Er, I don't think Tony Blair

will be signalling his gratitude.

With only 1,200 members, just three candidates - in Pontypridd (Rob Griffiths). Hackney South and Shore-ditch (Monty Goldman) and in Newcastle East and Wallsend (Martin Levy) - and only £10,000 in its election fund, is it perhaps time that the Communist Party softened its stance in a Blairite move to improve its electability? No,

because if you do that "you

end up where Blair ended up.

Gang of three: the party's only candidates, from left, Rob Griffiths, Monty Goldman and Martin Levy

Some people say there is barely an inch between the Labour and Tory parties."

of the times you live in."

Like Labour, the Communist Party of Britain's manifes-So why back Blair? Because to supports a national min-"that inch'll do us." he says, imum wage and a windfall tax with no hint of any Mae Mest undertow. "If it was a choice unlike Labour, it also wants between Hitler and Thatcher Britain to leave the EU, wants we'd support Thatcher. You have to respond to the history

tem controlled by local coun-cils, and thinks that income tax should be 50 per cent for those earning over £50,000. So can he see a Communist in 10 Downing St one day? Mr Hicks doesn't say yes, but he

riously, adding: "The crisis of capitalism will speed up." Anything else before we go? The struggle for socialism will not end with the general election. The struggle for socialism will, in fact, intensify." Well, you can probably say that again, Mr Hicks doesn't say no, either. 'Change is the most constant

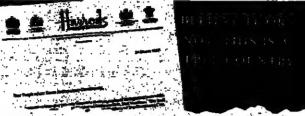
Redwood stirs Tory disunity on euro

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN REDWOOD move the European Union into the centre of the election debate tomorrow when he publishes a book saying that a single currency would be a decisive step towards "a coun-try called Europe, ruled from Brussels and Frankfurt".

The former leadership contender is expected to reopen the debate within the Tory party with his 214-page attack on monetary union, which says that for most British businesses it would be all cost and no benefit. "Abolish the pound and you abolish Brit-ain," the book states.

As The Times disclosed yesterday. Mr Redwood has responded to an appeal from Alastair Goodlad, the Government Chief Whip, to call off a press conference tomorrow. However, he has rebuffed a plea to "pull" the book, Our Currency, Our Country - the Dangers of European Mone-tary Union, saying that it was already on its way to the



Read all about it: part of Mohamed Al Fayed's advert

Sleaze book put on special offer

By James Landale, political reporter

MOHAMED Al Fayed has launched an attempt to counter moves by the Tory MP Neil Hamilton to block sales of a book about the cash-forquestions affair. -

The Harreds chairman, who allegedly paid Mr Hamilton thousands of pounds to ask parliamentary questions, placed an advertisement yesterday urging the MP's con-

Mr Hamilton has threatened legal action against bookshops in his constituency. Tation in Cheshire, if they stock the book. He says that Sleaze, written by two journalists from The Guardian and The Observer, contains defam-

atory claims about him. The full-page advertisement in the Manchester Evening News, costing \$5,000, had an open letter from Mr Al Fayed to Mr Hamilton's consultuents. It said: "Because of threats from Mr Hamilton's lawyers, some bookshops have decided not to stock this book. I believe it is a book that everyone has a right to read

and therefore I have ensured that stocks of it are available at the Harrods bookshop."

After giving details of how to obtain the book, Mr Al Fayed concluded: "However powerful an MP may believe himself to be, he has no right to prevent other people reading a book published in the public interest by a reputable publishing house. Why should Mr Hamilton fear the facts? Read Sleaze and find out."

A spokesman for Mr Al Fayed said the Egyptian-born businessman was "very gently saying to the people of Tatton: Read this book: make your own mind up".

Mr Hamilton, who has denied taking cash for questions, said the advertisement made clear the close links between Mr Al Payed, the book and Guardian Media Group, which owns the Manchester Evening News.

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Reform of our muddled electoral framework is long overdue

British elections are still conducted on Victorian terms. Their legal framework dates back more than a century when less than a quarter of adults had the vote and almost all campaigning was local. This alternately puzzles and delights foreigners. Last week, Sir John Kerr, Britain's Ambassador in Washington, bosted a St Patrick's Day lunch when Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland Minister, explained that his campaign in Devizes could not spend more than the equivalent of \$14,000 (just over £9,000), and that he could not buy television time or

advertise his candidacy on tele-

vision. Mary McGrory, a veteran Washington Post columnist, reported the "open-mouthed" response of American journalists accustomed to Senate contests costing several million dollars. She concluded that the British way is better. She is right but the

British system is still flawed. British elections are still relatively cheap. Less is likely to be spent here over the next six weeks than in California or Texas when there are several statewide contests. Our campaigns are much cheaper in real terms than before the introduction of the secret ballot in 1872. The amounts involved in the cash-for-questions

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row are trivial by comparison with what various Chinese interests are alleged to have funnelled into the Clinton campaign.

But our election laws mainly derive from days when campaigns were almost entirely local. There was virtually no national campaigning apart from occasional railies addressed by the great men of the day. Financial limits apply only to local candidates and the law does not recognise the existence of national parties. So there are no restrictions on the activities

of national parties. The boundaries between national and local spending have been fuzzy and lecided on a case-by-case basis. This is typical of the piecemeal way in which elections are regulated in Britain which satisfies few. Many MPs of all parties were The unit suggests that a comunhappy with inconsistencies in the way the boundary reviews were undertaken, and all but the

financial controls. Electoral law should be reviewed to put local and national campaigns on a similar basis and to take account of the ingenuity of the parties. This should be underpinned by the creation of an

Tories are unhappy about the

ommended in 1991 by a Hansard Society report. A detailed plan is being published this week by the Constitution Unit, the highly respected research project on consti-

mission should supervise the administration and conduct of elections and referendums: encourage improved standards and recommend changes to electoral law; supervise any restrictions on election expenditure and funding: take over the work of the Boundary Commissions: and oversee any formal arrangements for allocating broadcasting time - funcof bodies. The new commission should have the power to investigate complaints about electoral malpractice. Commissioners would be appointed after consultation between the parties and would be accountable to a Commons committee rather than to a

Whitehall department. Such a commission would become even more necessary if a Blair government goes ahead with its ambitious constitutional reform proposals - if referendums become a regular part of British politics and/or the voting system is changed. The case for an electoral commission is part of a

wider debate about the need for constitutional watchdogs (put in a separate briefing paper by the Constitution Unit to monitor elections, open government, indicial appointments, human rights and the like. The Public Service Committee yesterday put in a bid to act as the parliamentary focus for issues of governance and political accountability, in effect as: a committee on the constitution. We are all going to have get used to considering constitutional matters in a more formal and less piecemeal way. Muddling along is no longer enough.

PETER RIDDELL

Blair eyes

campaign

will be

revived

RY ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT THE Conservative Party is to

revive its demon eyes attack on Tony Blair next week -

with the Labour leader's eyes

increasing in size by the week

as polling day approaches.

The eyes, described as more

wolf-like than the burning red

ones that were superimposed

on Mr Blair last year, will

appear in a poster campaign

across the country next week,

against the words, "Four more

The following week they

weeks of low taxes to go?"

will he back on a new poster.

having widened further, next

to the words, - Three more

weeks of low unemployment

eyes, which were criticised by

some in the churches but

adored by the advertising

industry, will have extended

again alongside an identical

In the final week of the

election campaign the eyes

will be enormous and will

gape out from the centre of the

poster next to another mess-

age about tax. "One more

weeks of low taxes to go?" The

eyes might feature in at least

one party political broadcast.

Authority censured the demon

eyes campaign last August, describing as "sinister and dishonest". The posters were also criticised by the Bishop of Oxford and a handful of Tory

MPs, but beat the Wonderbra

into second place to win the

latest "most talked about ad-

The Advertising Standards

mantra about low inflation.

With two weeks to go the

Blunkett proposes testbed schools to train teachers

By John O'Leary, education editor

LABOUR will today announce plans for a network of "laboratory schools" so that trainee teachers can see their lecturers' ideas put into practice in the educational equivalent of teaching hospitals.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, will out-line his blueprint for a reform of teacher training at the Association of Teachers and Lecturers' conference in Cardiff. The scheme will include a new training curriculum and an "induction year" for newly qualified teachers.

The proposals, which aim to loosen the grip of progressive teaching philosophy in training colleges, mark the start of an Easter offensive on education by Labour. Mr Blunkett will address two teaching union conferences in the next week, while Gillian Shephard. the Education Secretary, has pulled out of both, pleading diary commitments.

Both main parties have identified training as the key to raising standards. Mr Bhunkett will bring together several initiatives put forward in the last year, including the use of National Lottery funds to train teachers in information technology, and compul-sory training for head teachers. But the centrepiece of Labour's plans will be the adaptation of a scheme already operating successfully in the

versities there have their own schools, and some are branching out into partnerships with others in their locality. Mr Blunkett will tell the

ATL's conference that laboratory schools running in partnership with universities in Indiana and Pennsylvania should be the model for a British scheme. Trainee teachers visit the schools regularly, and classes are taught on campuses where university staff are expert in a particular area of the curriculum.

Labour is planning a series of pilot projects initially, each costing about £100,000. The costs would be met by squeezing the budgets of the more expensive university education departments, which receive up to £3,300 to train each teacher when other institutions do the job for £1.500. Mr Blunkett, who has held

a series of meetings with the Teacher Training Agency, in Britain, and the National Association of Laboratory Schools, in the United States, believes that the system will have particular benefits for inner-city pupils. As well as improving their schooling, the link would give teenagers early contact with universities and raise their aspirations for higher education.

Successive Conservative education secretaries have used the example of teaching hospitals to justify moving teacher training away from the uni-versities and into schools. Mr Blunkett will tell the ATL that school-based training has not been as successful as its supporters expected, and that Labour's scheme would represent a happy medium.

Laboratory schools would never be sufficiently numerous to be the main training ground for student teachers, but the elite group would become a testbed for research on education. The schools would follow traditional teaching methods favoured by Conservative and Labour politicians.

The scheme has been championed by Professor David Reynolds, head of Newcastle University's International School Effectiveness Research Project and a member of Labour's Literacy Task Force, who focused public attention on the effectiveness of whole-

class teaching in the Far East. Some of the American schools date back more than 100 years, but the number has shrunk by almost half in the past 25 years. They have been criticised by American academics for creating an artificial environment.

Conservative plans to reform teacher training centre on proposals already announced for the first national curriculum in the subject. School-based training would expand further under another



A quiet lunch is out of the question for the Majors as they peruse the menu at a fish restaurant in Braunton

Major clanger at hardware store

JOHN Major must have thought he had drawn a line under the sleaze controversy yesterday as he negotiated a full day of campaigning without any reference to the issue which has dogged the early stages of his general election battle.

But even the most diligent Tory party aide could do nothing to prevent the wry smiles which followed when the Prime Minister entered a hardware shop in Braunton, the last stop on the day's campaign trail. They grimaced as they raised their eyes to the sign above the door and saw in bright letters . . . "Slees Home Hardware".

Nevertheless, Mr Major appeared more buoyant than in recently days as he arrived in the North Devon constituency SLEES HOME HARDWARE

Slees shop caught out Mr Maior

to begin canvassing support in the extremely marginal seat, held by the Liberal Democrats by only 794 votes. He bantered with shoppers in Barnstaple and even had time to exchange quips with journalists, joking that he would kill one of them if he revealed the surprise gift that Norma Major was planning to buy her husband for his birthday next weekend.

It was his third visit to the constituency in three years and he looked relaxed as he settled down with Mrs Major for a gargantuan portion of plaice, chips and

beans at the Squires Fish Restaurant in the seaside resort of Braunton. Mr Major hailed improving trade

figures as part of a "quite astonishing" set of economic figures which have been published during the last week. He made clear his displeasure that the statistics had been "drowned out" by the sleaze allegations but he added: "Try as our opponents might, that is the message they can't drawn out throughout the campaign." And he showed his irritation with last week's damaging headlines when he demanded: "Let us have no more of those

spoiling tactics and negative nonsense." Senior Conservatives insisted that Mr Major would continue to force the economic issues, in particular the need for the lowest possible taxes, to the forefront.

> vertisement" accolade from the advertising industry. Tory strategists have skilfully manipulated the ruling by the Advertising Standards Authority by removing Tony Blair from the poster. But the eyes will be the same, except that they have been deliberately projected to look even more sinister and dishonest. A Central Office official said: "It will be clear for the whole world to

eyes will do the talking." The aggressive poster campaign was sanctioned by John Major despite his reporter reluctance to engage in personal attacks or indulge in negative campaigning. The new offensive is the product of Lord Saatchi, Peter Gummer and Sir Tim Bell.

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Tory ex-candidate to face US court

United States. Some 120 uni-

THE Tory parliamentary candidate who resigned last week citing business commitments is due to appear in court in New York on Thursday on a drink-driving charge, which carries a maximum jail sentence of 12 months.

Derek Laud, 35, is being

men, professional men, salesmen and students to improve their

sued for £5.5 million damages by the occupants of a car involved in a collision with him last August. He is also charged with driving on the wrong side of the road and without a proper licence.

Mr Laud, who was to stand against Bernie Grant in Tottenham, resigned unexpectedly on Friday. In a statement he said: "I feel I must bow out

owing to business commitments which have been taking up an increasing amount of time. The demands on my time are such that I am not able to commit myself 100 per cent to the campaign, therefore I believe I should stand down."

Mr Laud, a political lobbyist who is a close friend of Neil Hamilton and Sir Michael Grylls, two of the Tory MPs at the centre of the cash for questions controversy, did not mention the imminent court case or the lawsuit in his statement. Mr Hamilton and Mr Laud have regularly worked together, and were in Memory Failed Me?

the past consultants for Strategy Network International The case, to be heard at East Hampton Town Justice Court. has been viewed with dismay by Conservative Central Of-fice which is anxious to avoid any further distractions to its general election campaign.

The lawsuit has been filed by Arnold Paulen, 76, a retired dentist, and his wife, Marcia, 72. Their car was badly damaged in an accident as they returned from a 50th anniversary party. Both had hospital treatment. Their son and daughter were also in the car. and the son required surgery.



Witnesses said that when Mr Laud was arrested he told the police he was a former personassistant to Baroness Thatcher. Mr Laud was yes-

Hospital closure claim dismissed as 'rubbish'

LABOUR denied a Tory claim services. "It is simply a matter yesterday that it planned a of arithmetic that within a fixed overall total [Labour] pital closures. Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary, described it as "a load of rubbish" (James Landale writes). But Stephen Dorrell, the

Health Secretary, insisted that Labour's refusal to match the Government's commitment to vear-on-vear increases in NHS spending meant hospital cuts would be inevitable. He said that rising pressure on costs in areas such as care of the elderly meant cuts in other

will have to make cuts in the hospital services to make their sums add up," he said. Mr Smith insisted: "We

have no plans for hospital closures. We may in due course want to look at the possible merger of administrative hierarchies of hospital trusts, slimming down bureaucracies whilst keeping facilities and sites in operation, but that is a very different thing from closing hospitals."



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Goldsmith plans big campaign rally BY ANDREW PIERCE AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

SIR James Goldsmith is planning what is billed as the biggest rally of the general election to try to show that the Referendum Party has not run out of steam.

Up to 5,000 people are expected at Alexandra Palace in north London on Sunday, April 13, when the billionaire jected reports that canvassers were being paid in his Putney

keynote speech. Leading candidates such as the actor Edward Fox, Sir

Alan Walters, Baroness Thatcher's former economics adviser, and John Aspinall will join Sir James. Party officials are hoping that the event will eclipse a Tory rally days earlier at the Albert Hall, which could attract a similar

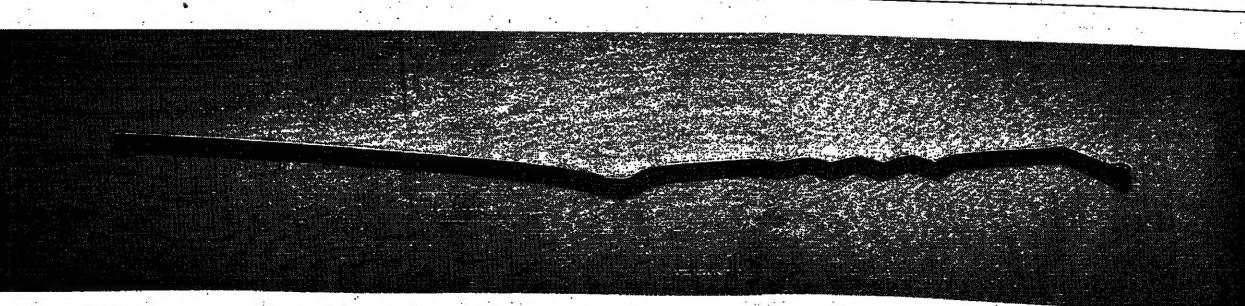
John Major hopes to evoke an atmosphere similar to the last night of the Proms. Labour, still bruised by the Shef-field rally in the 1992 election, which many observers regarded as a turning point in the Tories favour, will try to avoid mass meetings that could turn into triumphalist

The Referendum Party will launch its manifesto next week and the highlight of the campaign will be the Alexandra Palace rally. "It will be a rallying cry for all our supporters," one official said. The Referendum Party yesalleged that an undercover reporter had been paid by the party to canvass in Putney, where Sir James is challeng-ing David Mellor.

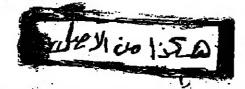
The action was taken by Sir

terday issued writs against

James after The Express re-ported a telephone conversa-tion with Charlotte Blacker, the party's local agent, which allegedly described her as warning the undercover reporter to make sure no one found out he had been paid.



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Palestinians reject Israeli demands

Security deal suspended as new intifada breaks out in Bethlehem

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FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Palestinian Authority's rejection of Israeli demands for resumption of negotiations and fresh violence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip ensured last night that the peace process remained in a state of crisis.

An announcement by the Palestinians that they had finally suspended security ties with the right-wing Israeli Government of Binyamin Netanyahu compounded the fear of Israelis. They are living in a state of virtual siege as they anticipate more suicide bomb anacks like the blast on Friday at a busy Tel Aviv cafe. Muhammad Dahlan, the

Palestinian Preventive Sec-urity chief in Gaza, in a reference to Sunday's ultimaturn from the Israeli Cabinet that a crackdown on Islamic militants was "a necessary condition" for further peace moves, noted with contempt: "We will not accept or deal with the Israeli conditions and will treat them as if we did not hear them,"

Diplomats said the situation was so critical that "persuasive United States diplomacy" was needed.

Yesterday, anti-Israel riots raged in Bethlehem where troops fired teargas and were again forced to evacuate Jews praying at the Matriarch Ra-



A Palestinian prepares to hurl a bottle at Israeli troops during yesterday's clashes in Bethlehem. Riots also erupted in Hebron and the Gaza Strip

chel's Tomb. Teargas was also fired in-Hebron where stonethrowing crowds attempted to storm an enclave housing 450 Jewish settlers.

Violence also erupted in the Gaza Strip as Israelis shot and wounded a Palestinian they accused of trying to break through a checkpoint. The shooting underscored the nervousness felt by Israelis who fear more suicide bombings. Captain Khaled Abu al-Lila,

the head of the Palestinian liaison office with the Israeli Army in southern Gaza, alleged that the wounded man

had been shot twice in the back while driving a cart. Instead of trying to catch him or even stop him, the soldiers

shot at him," he said.

More than 200 Palestinians have been injured since the rioting began last week. The action was triggered by Mr Netanyahu's decision to dispatch buildozers to break the ground for a huge settlement project for 32,000 Jews at Har Homa, in east Jerusalem which was annexed by Israel after the 1967 war. Most of the injured were overcome by teargas but about 20 suffered

gunshot wounds inflicted by Īsraeli soldiers,

In the most significant blow to relations since the bulldozers began work at Har Homa, Mr Dahlan announced in Gaza, which like the West Bank is now indefinitely sealed off from Israel: "We stopped both security activities and intelligence co-operation as a result of the Israeli violations of the [peace] agreement by continuing to establish settlements."

Even before yesterday's suspension. Western officials had

deterioration of Israeli-Palestinian security co-operation. The joint action is regarded as essential in order to prevent terror and violence from erupting on a much wider

scale than already seen. The Israeli Cabinet had set out six points before political negotiations could resume. In addition to a crackdown on the militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad, these included a prevention of incitement against israel, confiscation of illegal weapons and compliance with Israel's extradition requests

dismissed the list of demands, stating that they would not They [Israel] are wrong if they think that the Palestinian Authority is a copy of Antoine Lahd's forces in South Leba-non," Ahmed Abdel-Rahman, the Palestinian Authority's general secretary, said in reference to the Israeli-financed South Lebanon Army which fights alongside Israel against

Hezbollah. Saeb Erakat, the Palestinians' chief negotiator.

Roman road found at holy site Early sitting for Last Supper

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

WORKERS digging a ditch for new sewage pipes near the Wailing Wall, the holiest Jewish site, have uncovered huge paving stones believed to be part of a 4th-century Roman

Archaeologists fear that the important discovery in Jerusalem's Old City could lead to new violence at a time when ismeli-Arab tensions are near breaking point.

The municipal teams stopped digging when the historic paving stones were discovered last week. They date back to the 4th century, but Amnon Lorch, director of the Israeli-funded East Jerusalem Development Corporation, maintains that the roadway is much older, possibly from as early as 400 BC. The road - now buried up

to four yards deep - runs south to north at the back of the Wailing Wall square, par-allel to the wall itself. Mr Lorch believes that it was part of a main city road depicted in a famous Byzantine floor mosaic showing Jerusalem in the year 500. "It is exciting to discover how accurate the people who made that man

1,400 years ago were," he said. Mr Lorch said that any excavation of the road could face opposition from Orthodox Jews and Muslims. It is only 75 yards from the Wailing Wall which borders the former temple compound containing the al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine after Mecca and Medina.

Last September the opening by Israel of a new entrance to an archaeological tunnel along the wall caused gun battles between the Israeli forces and Palestinian police which left nearly 80 people dead and 1.500 wounded.



Christ: dined 'three days before Crucifixion'

Jerosalem: Jesus and his disciples shared the Last Supper three days, and not just a matter of hours before his Crucifixion, according to a new book by Barqil Pixner, a Benedictine monk and Bible scholar at Jerusalem's Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion (Christopher Walker

writes). The theory, allegedly sup-ported by archaeological exca-vations, is outlined in With Jesus in Jerusalem. It is hotly contested by other Bible scholars in the Holy City as arguments about the event gather momentum in Easter

The rival scholars themselves challenge traditional beliefs about an event that has evolved into a central Christian ritual, the Holy Communion. Some claim that Jesus and his disciples did not sit at a banquet table like that envisioned by Leonardo da Vinci, but were reclining, Roman-style, and eating from small round tables. The new

arguments have been encouraged because hard facts are thin on the ground. The four Gospels of the New Testament provide little detail of the meal, saying only that it took place in a guest room inside walled Jerusalem around the time of the Jewish Passover holiday. Mr Pixner contends that the

Last Supper took place on Tuesday evening and was given by the Essenes, authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls, a group of Jewish purists who rebelled against what they saw as the corruption of the temple priests. He claims that the trial of Jesus lasted from Wednesday until Friday.

The Essenes lived mostly in small rural communities. But Pixner claims to have found proof that they also had a monastery and living quarters on Mount Zion. He also argues that Jesus celebrated Passover according to the Essenes's fixed 364-day solar calendar, rather than the temple's newer one.

Algiers terror leader shot dead in gunfight

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

ist believed to have masterminded a bombing campaign in France in 1995 was shot dead by government forces near Algiers at the weekend during a flerce six-hour gunbattle.

Rihane Yahia and three fellow members of the Armed Islamic Group, GIA, the most militant of the factions fighting to overthrow the Algerian Government, was killed when his hideout was stormed.

Yahia and his henchmen were traced to an 11-storey block of flats. Troops blew up the roof of the building before launching their assault

Yahia, alias Abdallah Krounfel, was wanted in France in connection with the hijacking of an Air France jet

THE Algerian Islamic terror- in 1994, in which three passengers were killed, and for organising bomb attacks in France in 1995 which left eight

people dead.

Algerian newspapers described the killing of Yahia as "a major blow to the fundamentalist groups", resulting from a "huge anti-terrorist operation carried out by the security forces in several

Yahia was appointed by the GIA high command to supervise the attacks in France, Le Matin reported. He was also suspected of co-ordinating the hijacking of an Air France plane in Algiers which ended when French paratroopers killed all four hijackers. The GIA responded by murdering four priests.

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Resigning would be too easy, says Berisha

PRESIDENT BERISHA ha said he cannot guarantee the safety of aid convoys coming to Albania.

In an interview with The Times, the President reiterated his appeal for a small multinational force, and said he had considered resigning during the height of his country's crisis, but that it would have been "too easy"

As European Union governments work out the logistics of sending aid, Mr Berisha admitted that looting and banditry would be a major hazard to any humanitarian operation. "I could not say that international convoys would be safe on our territory for the moment, and they must have

But Mr Berisha rejected Nato studies suggesting Alba-nia needed a Bosnia-style force, and said any military intervention would be required for the short term only. in the longer perspective he requested EU technical assistance in rebuilding the country's police force and legal

"Despite what happened we are a European nation, one of the oldest of the Western world and we must have our place there," he said.

His interview capped a weekend in which he threw open his doors to the international press, after a tantalising llence and growing rumours about his health. "I never once thought of being closed to the media." he said against the cackle of machinegun fire in the darkness outside.



Albania needs a multinational force to rebuild legal structures, the beleaguered President tells Tom Walker in Tirana

His most uncomfortable snap election to a new fivemoment came when he realised that his Socialist opponents had to be involved more in the efforts to stave off war, and he announced a new

cross-party Government. "Only on the day when I offered the national reconciliation platform was I thinking to resign, but this was too easy." he said. "I asked myself, could I do more - could I do something above this platform and save the country from civil

year term in office by a rubber-stump parliament was inflammatory. He would abide by the constitution and elections, he said. "Presidential coups are for Latin Ameri-

If he left office, he ruled out a return to his former career as a cardiologist, "Nine or ten years ago I decided to leave my profession. It was one of the most painful moments for

6 I will abide by the constitution and elections. Presidential coups are for Latin America, not here 9

war?" Mr Berisha insisted be enjoyed nationwide support. and that southern Albanians held no grudge against him because of the pyramid fund fiasco that has thrown economic development back a

"I am deeply convinced I have friends in the South. There is a silent majority in Albania," he said. "I was in Giirokaster two weeks ago and I had the warmest

reception."

Mr Berisha denied that his

have never practised, and in cardiology I was using some tice is essential. I could never

Was the President tired after a harrowing three weeks? Since my youth until now I have always worked until midnight or one o'clock. I have not changed because I became President, I was always like

Did he ever feel in danger as mob rule spread, often de-manding his head? "I told my we must pay, we must cut down these pyramids. We must get the country out of this hell. I never felt afraid.

In his lew moments of relaxation. President Berisha told of a liking for books, most of all the works of Dostoevsky and Hemingway. Crime and Punishment struck a particular chord. "Physicians are more able to understand that book because of the charac-

Unlike Enver Huxha, his predecessor at the helm of Albania, the President does not wish to write his version of history. "I don't like memoirs. because almost all people who write memoirs, they write things in their favour. I have read a lot of them and I don't

A northern Albanian from shepherd stock. Mr Berisha said that when the storm has nassed, he will head for his native highlands. "I will just walk — this is my holiday," he said. "I go up, to get trained. I like very much mountains."

Although his children are interested in politics, he ruled out a Berisha dynasty. And as for guidance during the past calamitous weeks, the Albanian President confessed that an unseen hand had helped to forge the new Government. "I don't practise but I am a believer. I definitely believe that God helped me.

Mr Berisha said he drew inspiration from Winston Churchill. "He was a genius. His greatest moments were in



Berisha: "I am convinced I have friends in the South ... there is a silent majority"

Shots as Italy halts influx of migrants

AFTER nearly two weeks of giving shelter to thousands of Albanians fleeing across the Adriatic, Italy yesterday an-nounced that it would turn back boats from Albania, citing "growing evidence" that many of those trying to enter were not genuine refugees but illegal immigrants.

There was immediate tension over the new policy, with shots fired at Italian coastguards from an Albanian fishing boat just off Brindisi while it was being towed back

The fishing boat, carrying a hundred Albanians. was boarded by armed police and taken into Brindisi, where the Albanian captain was arrestcoastguard commander at Brindisi, said from now on any refugees reaching the southern Italian ports would be ireated as illegal immi-

grams.
The mood in Italy, initially sympathetic to the refugees has hardened noticeably. An Interior Ministry spokesman said many recent arrivals were from areas "which have not even been touched by the

After a lull over the weekend, the flood of Albanians resumed yesterday. Nearly a thousand arrived at Brindis and other ports before the ban was imposed. Authorities conceded that the policy would be

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Albania's historic sites fall prey to thieves and vandals

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THE famous ruins at Butrint have been looted and other key sites are threatened by the unrest in southern Albania. Lords Rothschild and

Sainsbury have contributed £250,000 each to work at the 40-acre Butrint site where Greek Roman Byzantine and Venetian ruins have been excavated in recent years. The British School in Rome is in charge of the dig, and Sir Patrick Fairweather, the former British Ambassador in Rome, was recently appointed

director of the foundation. "If confirmed, this would be: terrible news. Butrint is a. unique ancient site. Vandal-

ism is a tragedy," he said. Telemak Llahana, from the Albanian Institute of Cultural Monuments, confirmed that the site had fallen victim to both theft and vandalism. Butrint is the most important archaeological site in Albania and of great international significance," he said. "The continuity of our culture since

800 BC is in evidence here as taken, but they were mostly of at no other location. Now we value to Albania as part of the are missing some statues and nation's heritage," Mr the archaeologists are unable to work.

Butriet occupies a speciacuistinius in southern Allennia looking across the lonism See to Corfu, Ministry of Colture stuff have abundoned the site. Doors to the museum and archaeological storerooms in a partially restored

Venetian fortress overlooking the site have been smashed Glass display cases and statues have been shattered. Other statues have been stolen.

There was some monetary. value to the pieces which were

Rome urged to intervene

Rome: Bashkim Fino, the Albanian Prime Minister, yesterday travelled to Rome to hold talks with Romano Prodi. the Italian Prime Minister, on possible Italian intervention in Albania (Richard Owen

Italy is reluctant to commit troops for the protection of aid distribution without the backing of other European Union countries. Italian helicopters delivered two tonnes of medical aid to

Viore on Sunday, and yesterday the Italian Air Force delivered another six tonnes of medical supplies to Tirana. Italian officials said the supplies would be distributed

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to hospitals regardless of whether they were under the control of the Government or not Lamberto Dini, the Italian Foreign Minister, said large scale aid distribution would need the protection of Western forces.

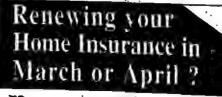
Llahana said. Butrint, which has about 25,000 visitors a year, has figured prominently in various schemes to boost tourism in Albania.

The looting at Burriet comes amid increasing concern by archaeologists in Britain and international cultural institutions at the damage to historic monuments being caused by the conflict. A Unesco spokesman in Paris said: "We are watching things very carefully. There are two world heritage cities in Albamia, and they cannot be allowed to be ruined."

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In the past week, many important buildings throughout the country have been destroyed, mostly by fire, in Berat, Durres and other towns. Elbasan, on the emerging North-South front line between government and rebel-held territory, has some of the most important remaining Ottoman buildings.



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Mobutu seeks deal as rebels advance on mining cities

FROM SAM KILEY IN KINSHASA

TWO key cities at the heart of Zaire's mining industry appeared set to fall to advancing retels without a fight as President Mobutu sacked his Prime Minister yesterday as a prelude to peace talks.

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Mr Mobutu, who returned home on Friday after undergoing treatment for cancer in Europe, dismissed the unpopular Leon Kengo wa Dondo. Last week parliament had removed him as Prime Minister in what was seen as an amy-engineered move. Mr Mobutu was expected to appoint a replacement who would negotiate with Laurent kabila, the leader of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation of Congo-Zaire, who wants to topple the

The move towards negotiations came after Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President of South Africa, met Mr Kabila in Kisangani and urged the rebel leader to agree to talks with Zaire's ailing President. Both barties were simultaneously nvited to a regional summit in Togo later this month.

Members of Mr Mobutu's family said yesterday they were certain the negotiations would start very soon. "We don't have any other choice," a close relative said.

close relative said.

The urgent preparations come as the rebels control up to a third of Zaire, including

its third largest city, Kisangani. Fresh reports said government troops were ready to abandon Lubumbashi, the second-largest city, to the advancing rebels. Further setbacks were also expected in Mbuji-Mayi, which is the centre of Zaire's \$20 million (£12.4 million) a week dia-

According to businessmen in Lubumbashi, headquarters of the rich copper, gold, and uranium mining industry, the Zairean Army has been ordered to throw down their guns rather than engage the rebels in a battle for the city which the army cannot win. One leading businessman said the local military commander had sought permission from Ngbanda Mobutu, the President's son and head of security, to lock his weapons in an armoury to prevent soldiers from using them in a looting spree before capitulat-



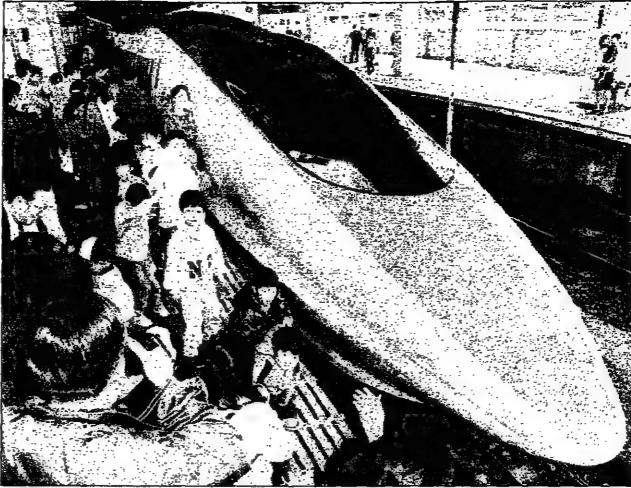
ing. "He didn't get the permission. But you get a sense of what the defence of Lubumbashi is going to be like. The commander said his men would not fight but many would join the rebels," the businessman said.

Once called Elizabethville and capital of the then Katanga Province, Lubumbashi has been a hotbed of secessionist agitation since Zaire gained independence from Belgium in 1960. Military sources in Kinshasa said that most soldiers had left the city, and those left were "local boys".

There's more chance that they will join the rebels than take part in the defence of the city," a civic leader in Lubumbashi said. Many expatriates in Lubumbashi have already sent their families to South Africa and neighbouring Zambia.

Mbuji-Mayi, however, was described as more tense since many army descriers had been causing trouble in recent days for diamond dealers and at the airport, prompting local airline operators to suspend lights to the city.

"It is true the defeated soldiers are causing trouble," said an European diamond trader. "But the Government is dealing with them very effectively and sending them back to Kinshasa as soon as they arrive."



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Japan's latest bullet train, the 187mph Nozomi 500, which takes 44 mins to travel 120 miles between stations

Japan's bullet matches TGV for speed

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

A POWERFUL new "bullet train" in Japan has achieved the world's fastest average speed on a commercial run, and has matched its French rival's record for top speed during a regular scheduled

The 500-series Nozomi (Hope) averages 151.5mph on its new service between Osaka and the southwestern city of Hakata, the West Japan Railway Com-

pany said yesterday. The company said the train had broken the Guinness record for the fastest average speed between two regular stops on the service, which was inaugurated on Saturday. Nozomi 500 covers the 120 miles between two stations on the line, Hiroshima and Kokura, in 44 minutes, an average speed of 163.6mph. That outstrips France's TGV train, which runs between Paris and St Pierre de Corps (Tours) at a top average speed of 157mph. A similar journey between London and Newark, Nottinghamshire

on an InterCity 225 would take 75 mins. During its inaugural run the Nozomi 500 achieved a top speed of 187mph, surpassing France's TGV, which runs at a top speed of 186 mph, according to The Guinness Book of Records 1997. But a Japan West Railway spokesman pointed out that the TGV's actual top commercial speed is 187mph.

"We can't claim to have beaten the French record, but we've certainly matched it," the spokesman said of the new daily round-bip service.

Pakistan frees Indian boys

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THIRTY-EIGHT Indian youngsters, held prisoner in Pakistan for up to four years, arrived home to tearful reunions with their families yesterday in time to celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi.

They were released by Pakistan as a goodwill gesture in the run-up to high-level talks with India next weekend. The boys, most aged in their early teens, were arrested at various times since 1993 for fishing in Pakistani territorial waters. They are from the western coastal state of Gujarat, which

adjoins Pakistan. Holi, which velebrates the victory of good sover evil, was regarded by a Pakistan as an appropriate soccasion for their release.

The youngsters, employed as crew on fishing boats, were initially held in prison, but were moved to children's homes after protests by Pakistani human rights groups. They were flown to Bombay from Karachi on Sunday, dressed in new bright yellow kurta-pyjamas — the traditional long shirt and baggy trousers of Pakistan. They

were given soft drinks and sandwiches at Karachi airport and had a friendly send-off by social activists who had campaigned to have them sent home

nome.

Devibhai Tandel, a former MP from Gujarat who met the boys at Bombay, said the former detainees had complained of poor food and ill-treatment by police in Pakistan. They are relieved to be home." Pakistan is holding 192 adult Indian fishermen, and 190 Pakistani fishermén are held in Indian jails.

Beijing offered Tibetan 'vision'

From Jonathan Mirski in Taipei

IN an astonishing offer to Beijing yesterday the Dalai Lama proposed a vision that "could save the Motherland".

The exiled Tibetan leader, who is spending six days here addressing huge prayer meetings, said: "If I can find a good way to return to Tibet, that would influence people in Mongolia and Xinjiang where many trust me. So if I found a way to to exist inside the People's Republic I could help save the Motherland."

This was followed by the laugh the Dalai Lama uses to show that something which sounds absurd is worth thinking about.

It will be hard to believe in Beijing where the routine epithet for the Dalai Lama is "criminal splittist". Since he was driven into exile in 1959 the Dalai Lama has been accused of trying to rip Tibet from China which occupied what is now its largest region in 1950. For many years the exiled spiritual leader led an independence struggle

independence struggle. However, this battle has moderated as the Dalai Lama saw that the conflict between unarmed Tibetans and Chinese troops did little but kill local people and hasten the migration of Han Chinese.

The Dalai Lama then suggested a "close association with China" in which Beijing would have responsibility for foreign policy and defence, "exactly what has been offered to Hong Kong".

to Hong Kong".

The Dalai Lama will be meeting Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui on Thursday for a "spiritual conversation". Some of Mr Lee's critics have assailed him for using the Taiwan Buddhist Association as "a white glove", encouraging local Buddhists to invite the Dalai Lama to Taiwan without giving Beijing the excuse of labelling it a state

The Tibetan leader said: "I am trying to make a contribution to Chinese unity, to remain within the country. If I go back there and work with the Chinese, the Tibetan people will benefit and China will have a stable Tibet. I am here to show Chinese all over the world that I am not a splittist."

Port Moresby ministers quit

FROM NOEL PASCOE IN PORT MORESBY

FOUR Cabinet ministers resigned yesterday after it was announced that members of the Papua New Guinea defense force planned to march today on parliament in protest against the Government of Sir Julius Chan.

A force of about 1,000 policemen will be on the streets of Port Moresby to guard key installations, although army officers gave an assurance that the uniformed marchers would be unarmed. Sir Julius, under pressure from within parliament as well as from the

public, is expected to lose more ministers following yesterday's resignations, which included Castan Maibawa, the Police Minister,

As the capital prepared for the protest march, Lieutentant-Colonel Tim Spicer, chief executive of Sandline International, which recruited the mercenaries hired by Sir Julius to help to put down a nine-year-old rebellion on Bougainville, was ordered yesterday to remain in Papua New Guinea for a court appearance on April 8.

Colonel Spicer is charged with illegal possession of a firearm and animunition. He appeared before a magistrate and pleaded not guilty to the charges. He has also been summoned to appear next week before the commission of inquiry set up to examine the deal between Sir Julius and Sandline.

Colonel Spicer said the Papua New Guinea Government had already paid half of the money due under the contract, reported to be worth about £18 million.



Spicer: pleaded not guilty

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Franco had secret plan to invade Gibraltar at start of Second World War



DV MADRID AND DOMINIQUE SEARLE IN GHIFALTAR

GENERAL FRANCO, the Spanish dictator, was close to invading Gibraltar in September 1939, 20cording to secret military documents uncovered yesterday.

Although historians have suspected that Franco had military designs on Gibraltar, there has to date been no hard proof. The documents, obtained from Spanish

drid news magazine Muove. now reveal conclusively that El Caudillo ordered his military command to draw up detailed plans to take

Gibraltar by force. Codenamed Plan G, the strategy involved storming Gibraltar by land and blockading it by sea. and was put together by Colonel Joaquin Ysasi Ysasmendi. Franco believed that the time was right to recapture Gibraltar, won from Spain by Admiral Rooke in 1704 in troops, although weary after a three-year civil war, were still in a state of combat readiness and their nationalist morale was high.

The Spanish generals also calculated that with Hitler's invasion of Poland and Britain's subsequent declaration of war on Germany --London's grip on Gibraltar would he less tenacious than usual.

As soon as Plan G was presented to him. Franco rushed troops to the areas bordering the Rock, sparking alarm in Britain. According to the War of Spanish Succession. His military jottings appended to the

that the Royal Navy would waste no time in laying siege to the Canary Islands if Gibraltar's terri-

tory was violated by Spain. Churchill's threat, allied to Franco's own innate circumspection, ensured that Plan G was not executed. Instead, the Spanish dietator kept Spain steadfastly out of the Second World War.Yet Franco never fully abandoned his desire to take Gibraltar by force. In 1940, both he and Ramon Serrano Suñer.

documents. Spain appears to have then the Spanish Interior Minister, been warned by Winston Churchill discussed with Hitler the possibility of seizing the Rock. The latter had his own plan — codenamed Opera-tion Felix — which envisaged an attack on Gibraltar by 20 divisions.

The plan did not get off the ground because Franco was adamant that only Spanish troops should be used in the assault, and that Spain's support in the war was conditional on the acquisition by Madrid of French Morocco and the Oran area of Algeria. Hitler, who was constantly urged by Mussolini

who could not afford to antagonia. his French "allies" by handing dath: north African territories over a Spain – refused Franco's stubborn

Their only encounter, conducted in a railway compartment in Hendaye, was such a trying affair for the Führer that he told his aides later that he would "rather have three or four teeth pulled out than discuss strategy with Franco again.

Leading article, page 19.

Renault strikers halt Eurostar in Brussels

ABOUT 250 striking workers from the Belgian Renault plant yesterday blocked the London-bound Eurostar and other express trains for two hours in a protest at a Brussels

Workers used baggage trolleys and other objects to stop the mid-morning Eurostar and Paris express from leaving the city's Gare du Midi. the terminus for high-speed trains. At lunchtime the workers left quietly after police thwarted their plan to take a train to Lille to picket the Renault factory there.

The action was the latest by workers who are fighting Renault's decision to close the factory at Vilvoorde, on the outskirts of Brussels, putting more than 3,000 people out of work. The factory has been occupied by its workers since Louis Schweitzer, head of Renault, announced its imminent closure three weeks ago. "Vilvoorde affair" started as a cost-cutting exer-

cise by the stumbling French car giant, and has become a symbol of workers' resistance across Belgium and France and other Continental states. Politicians have denounced the closure as proof that Europe has gone too far towards the "Anglo-Saxon model" of the free-market at the expense of the "social" traditions of job protection.

About 75,000 workers from across the Continent marched in Brussels earlier this month to voice their anger over policies which are deemed to out employment second to profit. The European Commission, backed by several governments, has

promised to devise tougher measures to protect workers from sudden redundancy. ☐ Bonn: Chanting workers from the Ruhr turned their anger against the banks which helped to engineer a steel industry takeover bid that

threatens tens of thousands of

jobs (Roger Boyes writes). In the most open challenge to the German financial system since the 1960s, more than 1,000 steelworkers marched on the Deutsche Bank in Düsseldorf, while more than 30,000 prepared to take buses to Frankfurt today for a fullscale protest in Germany's

banking capital. An explosion in the fover of a Dresdner Bank branch outside Essen raised fears that some workers might already be turning violent. Police were still unsure yesterday as to whether the blast - which injured nobody - was a political act or merely a bungled burglary. Both the Dresdner and the Deutsche banks were involved in preparing the ES billion hostile takeover bid of Thyssen by its Ruhr competitor. Krupp-

The workers are furious that directors from the two banks were sitting on the supervisory boards of both Krupp and Thyssen, yet did nothing to warn Thyssen of the hostile bid. They therefore are in effect destroying their jobs - at least (0.00) are at stake if the bid goes ahead.

The two steel companies are trying to work out a more friendly merger by Thursday night but, whatever the sol-



Protesting Renault workers in Belgium scuffle with police outside the Holiday Trade Fair in Brussels yesterday

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Rome salutes 40 years of 'ever closer union'

BY CHARLES BREMNER

European wing of the Nato

Lena-Hjeim Wallen, the

Swedish Foreign Minister,

yesterday warned that absorbing the WEU would threaten

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general election

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Rome today 9

THE European Union stages its fordeth birthday party in Rome today, marking the event with a plan for a multispeed union which reduces eto powers but also offers reluctant members ways of staying out of new policies.

Foreign ministers from the 15 are to review the latest draft for a revamped Maastricht reaty in the Capitol chambers where dignitaries from the original six pledged their countries on March 25, 1957, to establishing a common marcloser union among the peoples of Europe".

Britain, which dismissed the 1957 scheme as misguided and stayed out of the European Community until 1973, will again stand out as the least enthusiastic member, objecting to a string of articles in the draft produced by the current Dutch EU presidency.

With less than three months to the scheduled finish of the "Maastricht II" treaty, the Dutch have narrowed the options on key areas involving frontier and crime control, foreign policy and "flexibility" the mechanism which will allow countries to opt out of policies they dislike. The thorny subject of reforming the European Commission and other institutions will be left for heads of state to haggle over at the concluding summit

in Amsterdam in June.

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Belarus Moscow: Relations between

the drive to bring Eastern European countries into the EU because Russia would resist it. The WEU plan is also resisted by Ireland, Sweden,

Austria and Finland, neutral

states which are not part of the Security alliance. Britain is alone with Ireland, however, in its opposition to the removal of all internal frontiers and the pooling of powers over immigra-

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign tion and asylum. While oru-Secretary, will make clear London's hostility when France and Germany lead viding for this, the new treaty text recognises Britain's opposition by allowing for unwilltheir partners in the original six, plus Spain, in a push to ing countries to opt out of the new border machinery. Such mechanisms for flexigive the EU a defence arm by incorporating the Western European Union (WEU), the

bility are one of the main innovations in the revamped treaty, formalising the acr that the EU operates a: a "multispeed" affair, allowing countries to opt out of some

The Dutch are preparing to hold a special EU summit in for the treaty, if a Labour government takes power. Britain's imminent election is only one of the uncertainties in the air in Rome today as ministers deliver solemn speeches to hail the achievement of four decades of common cause.

The speeches will note that. the fate of the Union is closely bound to the project for the single currency, its bigges single leap since 1957, which is due to be launched in less than two years' time. With unernployment grinding down the powerful economies of Germany and France, experts are coming round to the idea that the scheme will have to be delayed to allow time for economic recovery. No Continental minister, however, will spoil the festive atmosphere in

Rome by airing the possibility

of delay, unless it is to reject

the idea as unthinkable.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

America and Belarus deteriorated yesterday after the expulsion of a senior diplomat from the US mission in Minsk and a war of words between the two nations (Richard Beeston writes). Kenneth Yalovitz, the US

Ambassador, delivered a strongly worded protest to the Belarus leadership describing the action as "arbitrary and unjustified" and accusing Minsk of violating the Vienna conventions on diplomatic Serge Aleksandrov, the em-

hassy's First Secretary, was among 70 people arrested during widespread demon-strations in Minsk on Sunday against the dictatorial regime of President Lukashenko Belarus television said that

the diplomat was arrested and later freed for staging provocative actions" during the protest and suggested he was working for the CLA.

The embassy insisted that Mr Aleksandrov, a career diplomat of Belarus origin. was merely observing the opposition rally. Nevertheless, he obeyed the 24-hour expulsion order and left the country yesterday as the US State Department considered possible retaliation.

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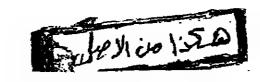
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Right calls for sacking of 'liberal' Gingrich

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

CONSERVATIVE Republicans are calling for their former champion Newt Gingrich to be ousted as Speaker of the House, dubbing him "the most powerful liberal in American politics".

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He should be replaced as Speaker because he is killing us," says Pete King, a threeterm congressman from Long Island, in Weekly Standard

Mr King, who calls Mr ingrich "roadkill" — a squashed animal - "on the highway of American poli-tics", says that the Speaker is so weakened that he "cannot sell the Republican agenda" to Congress any longer.
Conservative fury has been

provoked by Mr Gingrich's proposal last week to postpone plans for tax cuts in order to strike a deal with Democrats over balancing the budget. The most powerful Republican in Washington after the party seized control of Con-gress in 1994, Mr Gingrich is now accused of betraying that "revolution".

This is a question of leadership", Jack Kemp, last year's Republican candidate for Vice-President said on Sunday. Mr Gingrich "has got to step forward, in my opinion, and

not get wobbly in the knees" about tax cuts, he added

While Mr Gingrich yesterday embarked on a ten-day trip to Asia. party insiders were speculating on rivals for the job of Speaker, one of the most powerful posts in Washington. Names include Mr Gingrich's deputy, Dick Armey from Texas, and House Majority Whip Tom DeLay — although Mr DeLay rallied to Mr Gingrich's

John Kasich, chairman of the House Budget Committee, a brash, ambitious 44-year-old who has been dubbed "son of Newt" for his combative approach, is also in the ring. There is growing speculation that, despite his youth, he is preparing for a presidential bid in 2000.

Mr Gingrich's greatest political mistake was to shut down the Government in 1995 when he failed to come to terms with the Democrats. He was also severely weakened last year by an ethics probe. Mr King says that the Speaker began 1997 "with a publicapproval rating a few points shy of the Ebola virus".

But the real damage to his reputation within his party



Newt Gingrich, a Speaker under fire, welcomed as he arrives at a USAF base in Osan, South Korea yesterday

has been done by his refusal to push through cherished policies. He has held back conservarives from trying to abolish quotas based on race and upheld funding for the National Endowment of Arts, a bete-noire of conservatives. who see it as a body "for funding transvestite performance artists", in Mr King's

There is no formal mecha-

nism for replacing a Speaker. for better relations, concerns But party discontent may over human rights and a come to a head over the scandal over alleged Chinese unresolved question of whethpolitical donations. "I have er Mr Gingrich will pay the travelled here to reaffirm the ethics committee's \$300,000 vital importance of relations fine out of his personal fibetween our nations, and to continue building a lasting nances, or whether he will be allowed to tap into campaign peace." Mr Gore said.

The landscape of US-China ☐ Beijing: Vice President Al relations is filled with many rivers, some flowing together, others apart," he added. "Such Gore arrived for talks that will involve American desires

variety befits the interaction of great nations and civilisations."

Hoping to end a diplomatic chill that has lasted for two years, the Vice President is the highest-ranking American to visit China since President George Bush was here in 1989 just months before Chinese troops crushed pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square (Reuter)

Nazis 'sold £437m of looted gold to neutral nations'

FROM REUTER IN NEW YORK

NAZI Germany sold more than \$700 million (£437 million) of looted gold — worth \$7 billion at today's prices - to the neutral nations of Europe during the Second World War. according to an analysis of documents turned over to the American Government.

An internal memorandum prepared by the World Jewish Congress, based on British and American documents found in a hunt through the US National Archives lasting more than a year, said Switzeriand bought the most gold from Germany followed by Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Turkey. The memorandum also says the five countries gave back less than 10 per cent of the gold after the war.

The documents on which the memorandum was based have been given to the Justice Department, one of several government agencies preparing a report on Switzerland's financial dealings with the Nazis under the direction of Stuart Eizenstat, the Under-Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. The report is due to be published next month.

According to the memorandum, Switzerland received about \$325 million in gold looted from central banks. plus more than \$100 million it laundered for the Germans during the war, In a 1946 agreement with the United States, France and Britain, the Swiss returned \$58 million.

The memorandum said Por-

tugal received \$139 million and in 1953, after years of refusing to admit that any gold it received had been looted, gave the Allies \$5 million. Spain received about \$100 million but returned only \$100,000, the memo said. It added that Sweden received \$23 million and returned \$8 million while Turkey bought \$10 million in gold and gave back about \$1 million.

The memo estimated that the Germans also looted \$60 million in gold from individuals, including gold confiscated from victims in Nazi death camps.

Documents captured by the Allies after the war reported that the Nazis melted this gold down into ingots that were included in German Reichsbank gold stocks.

Historians have claimed that if the Nazis had not been able to sell the gold it looted from conquered countries to the neutral nations, it would not have been able to buy the raw materials it needed for its

British government docu-ments released by the World Jewish Congress last Friday said Portugal refused after the Second World War to give up looted gold it received from Nazi Germany, even though nearly four tonnes of Dutch gold remained in its original wrappers in Portuguese vaults. The 1947 documents said Portugal refused to return the looted gold or even admit it

Quick fame puts widow in hospital

New York: A nonagenarian from Kansas who became the hottest name in publishing when she sold her memoirs last week for more than \$1 million (£600.000) was in hospital yesterday recovering from the shock of it all (Quentin Letts

Jessie Foveaux, 98, was admitted to hospital at the weekend suffering from extreme :exhaustion and sinus problems. The excitement of going from unknown widow the United States in just one week undermined her normally robust health. "I guess the telephone rang just one too many times," she said from her hospital bed.

After she published her memoirs of a hard life, Los Angeles film producers, New York publishers, television executives and multifarious dealmakers beat a path to her door in Manhattan, a dusty grain town, begging to buy the

Baldness cure may damage sex drive

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A DRUG for prostate disease has been found to stimulate hair growth and will be marketed in the United States in tablet form.

If federal approval is granted the new drug, Propecia, may allow bailding men to treat their condition simply by taking a daily pill and without having to endure the oily routine of smearing their hairless domes with lotion. One possible drawback, howsex drive.

Test results on Propecia were announced in San Francisco at a meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology. The multinational pharmaceuticals company, Merck & Co, found that in a small number of men (15 out of 720) Propecia restored a full head of hair to utterly bald pates. In 48 per cent of cases there was a recovery rate equal to about 7 per cent of hairiness, and in

many patients who did not have hair recovery there was at least the compensation of a stabilisation of hair loss.

The drug appears to work by reducing the amount of dihydrotestosterone in the body. The generic drug in the pills is called finasteride which, according to Merck's Dr Keith Kaufman, "inhibits a key factor responsible for miniaturisation of scalp hair follicles — this leads to a reversal of the balding process". A stronger form of Propecia is already on the market under the name of Proscar

Merck admitted that some 2 per cent of patients reported a dismaying reduction in libido. The ages of those tested ranged from 18 to 41.

Early reports suggest that the pill will initially be prescribed only to men and to women past childbearing age. birth defects in some animals

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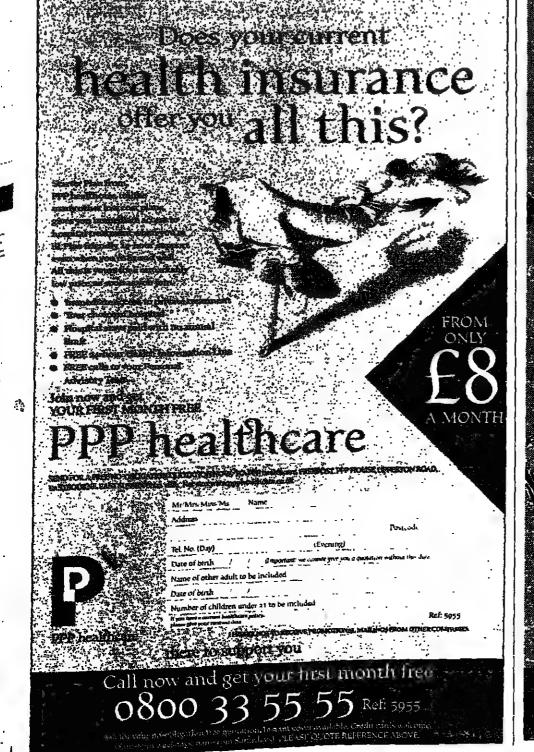
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Sentenced to death by negligence and arrogance

Hundreds of people carry a lethal virus after the worst medical scandal in Irish history. Audrey Magee reports

s she lay dying between the white sheets of a Dublin hospital bed, Brigid McCole was faced with a stark and final choice: to submit to a panicking Government desperate to silence her, or to pursue a legal challenge to establish how she and almost 2,000 others were poisoned in the worst medical scandal in Irish history

A mother of 12 from remote Donegal, Mrs McCole had Hepatitis C. She contracted the virus 20 years ago from a blood plasma injection given after the birth of one of her children. She wanted to know why and how she was infected. Instead of answers, she was offered £175,000 by the Irish Government on condition that she waive all rights to a legal challenge. She refused, and remained dogged in her det-ermination to find answers until October 1, last year, the day before she died.

On her death bed in St Vincent's Hospital, she received a letter from the Government's legal team. referring to the huge costs if she continued her case. She relented, fearing the trouble and expense she would cause her family after her death. She died, from liver failure, with-



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out learning that it was the incompetence and negligence of the Irish blood bank that almost certainly caused her

Brid McCole, one of Brigid's six daughters, says her mother accepted the Government's

money very reluctantly, "It was never about money or anything like that to her because all she ever wanted was the truth," she insists. They upset her on her death bed and for that I will never forgive them." Mrs McCole, who was 54

when she died, was a happy, lively woman until about 11 years ago when she found blood clots, first on her leg, then on her lung. Her passion for walking the dog across long stretches of Donegal strand was soon replaced by constant fatigue, pain and tears of frustration at an iliness she didn't understand.

Brid, 27, says: "I was with her for the last three weeks of cirrhosis and I never ever want any other person to go what she went through. She suffered so much. At night we would be in our beds and she would scream with pain. It was something that should never have happened."

But it is something that could happen to hundreds of other women and men around Ireland who were given infected blood and blood products by the Blood Transfusion Services Board in Dublin. Half of the potential victims are likely to be women who were given Anti-D to prevent miscarriages or the birth of "blue babies". The remainder are haemophiliacs, kidney patients and blood transfusion patients entrusted to the care

of the Irish medical system. The Hepatitis C scandal came to light two years ago when the Government announced a screening programme for all women who had received Anti-D, a blood plasma product given by injection to about 5,000 Irish women each year. Made from foetus when the blood of the baby and mother are incompatible. It prevents antibodies in the mother's blood attacking the red blood cells of the

Panic struck and 63,000 women turned up at GPs and hospitals around the country for blood tests. Of these, 1,069 were found to be infected with Hepatitis C. The Government and the Blood Transfusion Service Board tried to brush

required and now has con-

tracted Hepatitis C. She faces

the prospect of death within

In 1977, at the age of 19, she was pregnant with her first child. At a

Dublin hospital she was given an

injection of Anti-D, a blood plasma

product to prevent incompatibility be-tween the mother's and the baby's blood.

Two years ago, she discovered the

injection was infected with Hepatitis C.

Aids or have been raped because your

whole body has been violated by this

virus that you never wanted and didn't

even know existed," she says.

Joanne, 38, suffers all the classic

symptoms of Hepatitis C - fatigue, sore

bones, depression, dry eyes. Rheumatoid

arthritis is setting in and she is seeing a

psychiatrist to help her with often severe

bouts of depression.

You feel dirty, you feel like you have

the infection off as a simple mistake and offered an average of £113,000 in compensation. But many women, like Mrs McCole, refused to accept their money or explanations. They wanted the real reasons

why they were suffering fatigue, depression, dry eyes. pains in their bones and rheumatoid arthritis. Phil Delaney. 49, from Co Kildare, knew immediately that she was a victim of the Hepatitis C infection. "It took courage to go to the doctor," she says. "I knew, because how else could you explain why, when I was getting my

well? I had no energy to change into my nightdothes later in the evening." The "Anti-D women", as they are now called, were scattered all over the country and had no contact or know-

ledge of each other. Jane

children ready for bed at six

o'clock, I had to get ready as

O'Brien founded Positive Action and began holding meetings in Dublin hotels. Hundreds of women attended

"I could have done one of two things: go crazy with worry or get angry," says Mrs O'Brien. "I got angry and started kicking at doors demanding answers."

Positive Action demanded and was refused a tribunal of inquiry to establish the cause of the infection and to find out who was responsible. Michael Noonan, the Health Minister. changed his mind and set up a tribunal last October follow-Mrs McCole.

The tribunal, chaired by the former Chief Justice Thomas Finlay, began hearing evidence in December and has just completed its report. It found the transfusion board guilty of incompetence, negligence and arrogance and chastised the Government for failing to fund adequately the

National Drugs Advisory Board, which regulates the blood bank.

In a report that reads likea horror story, Mr Justice Finlay outlines how at least two barches of infected blood were used to make blood products. ost of the infec-

tion occurred and 1977 but, perhaps even more incredibly. there was also widespread 1994 when testing for Hepatitis C was common and widely available. Mrs McCole, Mrs O'Brien

and Mrs Delaney were all infected in the 1970s after giving birth. The tribunal found that the source of their infection was a woman known only as Patient X.

Patient X was receiving a plasma exchange at a Dublin hospital. Rather than dispose of her blood as is common and

safe practice, the transfusion board used it to make Anti-D. They used it without her knowledge or consent - consent she would have withheld as she had jaundice, which later developed into hepatitis in 1976. Doctors around Dublin alerted the board to reports that many of their patients who had received Anti-D had jaundice. The board tested the plasma and found it contained infective hepatitis". Cecily Cunningham, the principal

But without her knowing other batches that had already been manufactured continued to be issued. No warning was issued. Mrs McCole was injected with her Anti-D plasma on November 5, 1977.

tions to stop using Patient X's

plasma in donor pools. She

There was no test in the 1970s for Hepatitis C, only a test which showed that there was some kind of infection

that was neither Hepatitis A nor Hepatitis B. The transfusion board sent samples in 1977 of the plasma from Patient X to the Middlesex Hospital in London, which stored the sample.

In 1991, when a test for Hepatitis C was available, the Middlesex retrieved the Irish sample, tested it and sent a letter, saying the sample from Patient X contained Hepatitis C. The transfusion board appeared to have ignored the letter and failed to act on the new information. Mr Justice Finlay said that the reaction to the letter "can only be construed as a blank refusal even to contemplate the consequences of what had been done in 1977 and a vague hope that by ignoring the problem it would go away".

But, in fact, matters became worse. In 1991, another woman, Patient Y, had seene of her plasma stored by the board to be used in the manufacture of Anti-D. It was not tested before it was tased and in 1994 it was discovered that Patient Y, too, had Page titis C. Hundreds more neoph had been infected.

Privately, doctors in infland are appalled at the income tence of the board. The parties is now wary and afraid of contact with the blood bank

Jeremy Garson Middlesex Hospital, there was great surprise at events in Ireland. The take comparable case occurred in East Germany between 1776 and 1979 when 2,533 worm received Anti-D conteminated

with Hepatitis C.
Mr Justice Finlay placed most of the responsibility for infection on senior transfusion board staff, including the founding director. Dr Janies O'Riordan. Now S3. he was subpoenzed to the tribunaland failed to read files pertaining to the infection before taking the stand.

The judge concludes that Dr O'Riordan was a "person with a strong and dominant per-sonality determined to ensure that his blood bank maintained its reputation as selfsufficient in producing blood products for the Irish market - no matter what their source. Junior staff, who were aware of some infection, failed to act properly and cowered under Dr O'Riordan's rule.

Mr Noonan has promised that the Government will pay the victims aggravated damages rather than the flat, indisputable rate initally offered. The compensation bill is likely to run into teris of millions of pounds. Mr Justice Finlay's report has been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Earnon Barnes, who is considering whether il Camages can ark should be brought, he does proceed, Dr O'Riordan and his colleagues could face man-

siaughter charges. Many of the victims and their families want the DPP to press charges. As Brid McCole says: "I think somebody should be made accountable for this disaster and somebody should be brought to justice. Because if they are not, some other tragedy like this is going to happen again."





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She has inflammation of the liver but as yet has no traces of scarring or fibrosis. She expects they and cirrhosis will follow. She has one of the worst forms of the illness, which does not react to

"It is very difficult because we have seen how Brigid McCole died and we know that is down the road. You try not to think about it, but it is always in the back of your mind - that will be me.

"YOU HAVE good days when you are up and able to do things and then others when all you want to do is lie in bed. And the slightest little thing will trigger you. Any kind of kidding around and I can end up in tears for absolutely no reason. It makes it very hard on everyone."

Her sex and social life have suffered greatly. She and her husband, Joe, rowed persistently because he was frustrated with her inability to make love or to go out. Knowing that Hepatitis C is the cause has helped her relationship but has done little for her standing in Templeogue, a

of Dublin where she lives. "People can be very small-minded and seem to think it is your fault. Some of the kids' friends have stopped coming to the house and for the first time the boys' school has not asked me to participate in the summer camp. There is a great fear

that people can catch this from me." She has accepted £131,000 compensa-tion from the Government for the damage caused her. "The money helps because you can buy things that relieve the symptoms. I have to fight the thoughts that this would not have happened if I had stayed in London because it sounds very patronising. But all the same it does keep coming back to you - that feeling of what if?"





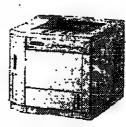
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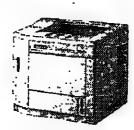
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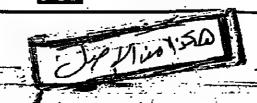


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He has swapped his riding crop for a ticket to Arsenal in his latest role, yet Mr Darcy still haunts Colin Firth. Interview by Mary Riddell

mention of Mr Darcy? I am bored with him. Colin Firth is no doubt also sick of the Moss Bros school of film criticism, in which success is ineluctably linked to the cut of one's breeches.

The answer is about two sentences. "I somehow feel I'll be pleasing nobody now." Firth says gloomily, "I've seen letters saying: Why is he doing a football film after Pride and Prejudice? Why can't he play Heathcliff? And then there will be some diehard Arsenal fans, asking: What's this snooty geezer doing represent-

Firth has notched up some work in the interim: notably the BBC dramatisation of Joseph Conrad's Nostroma, and The English Patient. But it is the contrast between the Darcy codpiece and the red boxer shorts (inscribed "Go! Go! Gunners") that he gets to wear in the film of Nick Hornby's Fever Pitch which provides the interesting

leap forward. Firth does not object to being portrayed in every interview as a sort of defibrillator to the romantic heart of the nation. It is just that such treatment misrepresents him.

He is in costume; the baggy sweatshirt and tracksuit trousers of those who inhabited the Arsenal North Bank. Or, conversely, the social science staffrooms of the new universities of Middle England, whose culture Firth seems more to represent.

Left unchecked, he has a fine line in waffle of an opaquely post-modern nature. There seems to be a

colossal self-loathing in this country; a sort of collective identity crisis. It's strange how other cultures can mythologise their present and we can't."

Scarcely textbook stuff for your average soccer oik, but -- as Firth will tell you -- it is dangerous to see masculinity as a set of assumptions. "There's this idea that if you like football, you also like beer and grabbing women's breasts. If you like rugby, you also like Dire Straits and wine. And if you don't like either, you must be a pacifist vegetarian who is oblivious to the charms of Michelle Pfeiffer." The son of two university lecturers,

Firth had "a lousy education" at an indifferent comprehensive and left drama school for a starring role in Another Country. "I just happened to have the right sort of appearance." he says.

In other words, the nascent Darcy was already being recognised. But although he continued to do fine work, his profile before Pride and Prejudice — remained

Early on, his life appeared to have achieved a sort of symmetry. A starring role, an affair (in several cases) with his leading lady, followed by a bolt away from any limelight that might ensue. After Milos Forman's Valmont, he departed with his co-star, Meg Tilly, to live in the Canadian backwoods and bring up their son, Will, who is now six.

Much later, the adulation inspired by Darcy was heightened by stories of his relationship with Jennifer Ehle. Though the inaccuracies of the reporting irritated Firth, he regards such liaisons as a sort of occupational hazard.

People fall in love with the people they meet. It's as simple as that, I don't think that actors have a greater predilection for bonking each other than any other group. I just think that your life is in upheaval. You're taken away from your established roots and put in intimate circumstances with someone. I suppose it makes that sort of thing more possible. It certainly doesn't happen to me all the time."

Particularly now that he is in love with



Football mad: Firth and Ruth Gemmell in Fever Pitch

Livia Guiggioli, a 22-year-old English graduate, daughter of a Rome businessman and protected by Firth with the assiduousness of one who has seen his private life picked over too often before.

irth's refuctance to discuss life beyond the film set has little to do with a superstar's preciousness. Rather, he seems to have difficulty adapting to an existence with few threads to hold it together. "It seems very glamorous sometimes. Everyone's keen to make you comfortable and you don't feel you have the right to suffer in any way. But I've been itingrant for a number of years - going from mini-universe to mini-universe.

"Making a film is so self-contained that very little else enters your consciousness. Then it's over, and the chances are that you will never again see people who have become your entire existence. A certain amount of consistency is essential to anyone, and I have found it difficult being without that as time goes on."

Hence his protectiveness for his new girlfriend and the son he visits constantly in Los Angeles. Wasn't it a terrible wrench

to leave him after he split up with Meg Tilly and returned to work in England? don't consider I have left him. I go away a lot, and I come back a lot. Of course, I wouldn't be seeing enough of him unless it was every day. And there are risks. There's a danger you become a sort of Santa Claus. You have to find enough normality as well - to give a child the chance to be bored with you, take you for granted and feel it's safe sometimes to

reject you. I think about that a lot." But then Firth thinks a lot about most things. I imagine that any interview with him follows a precise format. The polite, but wary, response to the questions. A quick sideswipe at the fabricators of the press. The bit with the tape recorder switched off, where he tells you how horrid it is to have one's love life laid bare.

And then, as he gets to know you, a long and cosy ramble through the world according to Firth.

He truly does not care for his looks or allure. The impact of those are assured. Instead he is eager to present himself as a Left-leaning, anti-public school, socially egalitarian liberal who ponders deeply on all sorts of difficult matters. A multi-faceted cosmopolitan. equally at home in Rome or Hackney, where he keeps a small flat. Hence his impatience with the two-dimensional Darcy caricature.

"All that smouldering. Lots of people told me not to do it and said everyone would get sick of me.'

Of that, there is little risk. At the moment there is a surfeit of

Firth. There is the acclaimed English Patient. in which he plays a pilot cuckolded by Kristin Scott Thomas, and Fever Pitch, in which he plays Paul Ashworth, a comprehensive school teacher with an Arsenal fixation.

The part appeals to Firth as a suitable Darcy antidote. "It deals with all the contradictions about social perception. How can you occupy this man's world and have a relationship with a woman? How can you read Byron and follow Arsenal? Personalities are full of paradoxes and opposites."

Indeed. It does not seem kind to point out that the film contains so much Arsenal and so little Byron that one wonders how Ashworth's girlfriend, played by Ruth Gemmell, continues to tolerate such an inarticulate and monofocal vob.

Not that Fever Pitch fails. On the contrary, it succeeds quite well. But only because its female audience will suspend disbelief, gaze at the Firth legs (quite as irresistible in blue jeans as in breeches) and forgive any implausibilities.

Irritating as the Darcy hangover may be, it is not quite the headache it seems. ● Pever Pitch opens on April 4



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Shropshire lads turn on the Tories

Anthony Howard says defeat is possible even in Ludlow

'n south Shropshire we started the election early.
On Saturday, the small town of Bishop's Castle (all of 1.600 souls) was host to an oldfashioned "hustings" meeting modelled on the days when this tiny borough used in its own right to return two Members to Parliament. Although nowadays it represents no more than the western, Welsh-

border corner of the far-flung Ludlow constituency, the whole occasion was carried off in some style. The town band led a procession headed by the Mayor and councillors — complete with macebearer — from Church Street up the High Street to the Assembly Room in the Three Tuns Inn. There were balloons and bunting, banners and rosettes and the sunny afternoon had a festive

Once the "free and independent electors" had crowded buto the principal room of the local inn, however, that mood did not survive for long. The four prospective candidates one from the Green Party, one Liberal Democrat, one Labour and the still sitting Conservative MP (since Parliament is only prorogued) - had barely taken their seats on the dais before the last of them intimated that he wanted to make "a brief per-

sonal statement The Prime Minister's announcement of the election date on the previous Monday had, he said, given him a problem. He had een advised that, if

he took part in the meeting, it would inevitably mark the opening of his own campaign - which, for reasons connected with the rules for election expenses, he did not wish to launch until well into April. He therefore had no alternative but to "withdraw from this platform".

With the returning officer not yet in a position even to accept nominations, that could not help sounding like a pretty specious excuse. It was certainly received as such by the audience, who had hoped to hear from four candidates and found themselves forced to listen to only three. They took their revenge in the only way open to them. Christopher Gill, who has sat in the Commons for Ludiow since 1987, made his exit from the meeting to a chorus of catcalls and boos. It was about as bad an opening to his local campaign as the Conservatives last week endured nationally. What, then, made him do it?

One clue is probably to be found in his curt refusal to participate in an all-party meeting proposed for three days before polling by the Council of Churches in Ludlow. In turning down that invitation he had expressly cited his prior engagement to the town meeting gathering in Bishop's Castle, "which invited me first". When he wrote declining the Ludlow offer ten days ago, he can hardly have been unaware that an election was imminent; so what possible reason can there have been for his smitting the other cheek of his own electors? The conclusion seems irresistible: in the last few days, even in such a Tory heartland as Shropshire, a sitting Conservative MP has suddenly started to run distinctly

At any other general election, a candidate such as Christopher Gill would have been considered to be in clover. In 1992 he enjoyed a majority of 14,152, nearly 2,500 more than he won in 1987. Perhaps even more satisfactorily from his point of view, it was a result won by surgically dividing the forces of his opponents down the middle. (His 1992 majority increased because the Liberal Democrat vote went down 1,000 while the Labour total increased by 4,000 — still, though, leaving Labour in third place.) In normal times such figures would be thought to guarantee an almost automatic return to Westminster, And, on any rational forecast, they still do.

But Shropshire Tories are still reeling from their shock at losing the Hereford and Shropshire Euroseat to Labour in 1994. And if anything like the Wirral South by-elecresult of earlier this month were to be repeated on May I in Housman country, the belis of Ludlow Tower might be thought to be ringing out an entirely novel

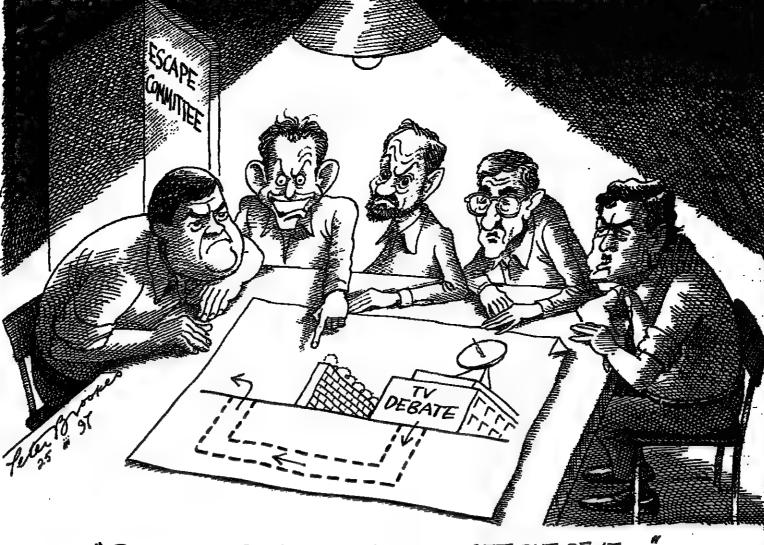
political chime. To be blunt, achieving that does He should not look within the not look power of the Liberal Democrats. Unlike embattled. nearby Hereford (which has been a Somehow, Liberal proxime ache does cessit through elections reaching back

to the 1950s), Ludlow is not even a "target seat" for the Liberal Democrats: theirs is essentially a defensive battle to prevent their candidate sliding into third place.
The local Labour Party, on

the other hand, appears full of zest and zeal. It has a first-class candidate in Nuala O'Kane, the appeals director for a Shropshire children's hospice, and it is fighting this election more professionally than any since Harold Wilson's second victory in 1966, when it came within 3.500 votes of the squirearchical Tory, Sir Jasper More. As his behaviour last week-

end testified. Mr Gill has never belonged to the noblesse oblige wing of his party. A meat-processor from Bridgnorth, he is an outspoken Eurosceptic who was temporarily deprived of the party whip over the Maastricht treaty. At that time there were rumours of trouble within his Association - particularly with the county gentry — and on Sunday he was the victim of a reiterated public vow on the part of one of his most celebrated constituents, Sir Julian Critchley (the retiring Tory MP for Aldershot), not to cast a vote for him. Still, he should

not look beleaguered. Somehow, he does. For the Tories to lose a seat like Ludlow would, of course, require an almost Canadianstyle wipe-out for the party. Yet if that still remains inherently improbable, it no longer looks impossible, and if such a Conservative catastrophe were to occur, the hills of Shropshire would turn out to "blue remembered" only in stable political history.



" RIGHT, LADS, THIS IS HOW WE GET OUT OF IT ... "

Bridling our liberties

he daffodils are up, the hedges are growing fluffy, and if you crush the gorse you can suddenly smell summer. Some nights it is warm enough to admire Hale-Bopp for a full ten minutes without a coat on. High time, then, for every citizen to dust off John Stuart Mill On Liberty. Only he can save us as the Easter exodus to the country gets under way. Words-worth or Laurie Lee may set the mood, but Mill is fundamental.

He wrote: "The liberty of the individual must be thus far limited: he must not make himself a nuisance to other people." Perhaps the Millen-nium Commission should have those words carved into a million rustic planks and placed discreetly adjacent to every lane, track, footpath, bridleway, cycle-track, cliftop, towpath, beach, gate, stile and verge. Any spare planks could be posted -or thrown with some violence - in the general direction of the Ramblers Association. British Horse Society, Country Landowners Association. RSPB, and the governing bodies of every pastime involving off-road vehicles. It could also be engraved on dog identity tags, stamped into the bridles of horses and boxed in the corner of every Ordnance Survey map and tourist leaflet.

For this is a densely populated island, and being part of a dense population means that consideration - meek milksop, despised virtuel has to be second nature. If you want to be free as a hawk and beholden to no man, then walk to the South Pole. Take outdoor pleasure here, and you have no option but to accept the limitation of not being a pest.

What brings all this on is a small

but curdling row sparked off by the Princess Royal in the current National Riding Week. Most of HRH's utterances have been sensible. Yes, horses are a treasurable part of national life. Yes, riding is a unique therapy and pastime for the disabled, a popular spectator sport and excellent for children. (Unless, of course, it makes them into grasping snobbish little brats; but horses do not achieve this unaided. It takes solid parental effort to produce a really nasty pony-child.) The Princess does well to point out such things as the punitive rates levied on small riding schools. However, in an interview with her local paper, she incautiously bracketed together as threats to bridle-paths "off-road vehi-

cles, scramblers and walkers". Uproar. The Ramblers Association On country byways, an unwritten code is observed by walkers, riders and cyclists

but not by many off-road drivers

demands an apology, commentators snarl that she has an atavistic horsey sense of superiority, and there is an upsurge of instant mutual hatred. These days Henry Higgins would observe that an Englishman need not even open his mouth to make another Englishman despise him: he has only to set foot in the countryside. In our pastoral idyll walkers find horsemen arrogant, riders reckon walkers are in the way, birdwatchers hate dogowners. Moreover, fast riders hate slow bumbling ones, cyclists curse horse-dung on their tyres, doggy types lambast one another for poor

control, the RSPB warden becomes a figure of hatred and ridicule for trying to stop people blackwith one foot off the path. farmers are cursed for growing cross. and environmentalists bitterly resent everybody for hav-

ing feet. Feet wear out the ground. This is not the moment to go into legislative remedies, partly because I am trying to operate an election-free zone here, but also because legislative remedies go only a very short way. Some things are impossible to police, and for as long as the British countryside is recognisably itself there will be paths and tracks vaguely shared by walkers, riders and cyclists. Lanes, made and unmade, have in addition a rolling population of pony-traps. tractors, locals who stop while passing one another to wind down the window and exchange gossip, tourists, parcel-vans bringing review books to downshifted literary dreamers, feed-sales reps in a hurry and people with dinghies on trailers who

can't reverse for toffee. We can only live together by daily remembering Mill's sentiment about freedom and nuisance, and so curbing a tendency to stand on rights. I live on a quiet lane, and any drive involves inroads on my "freedom" which can be as grave as a city trafficjam, if more subtle. Bonnet-to-bonnet with another driver in a lane you do

not think of your rights. You assess the opposition in a spirit of chivalry. the courtesy of the strong to the weak. Has he got an awkward trailer behind? Is the lady in the Lada too old to turn her head comfortably? Or is she young, with distracting children shricking in the back seat? If so, even though the nearest passing place is farther from you than the opposition, you resignedly reverse a quarter of a

mile along the twisting lane. When you finally pass, each of you gravely raises a hand in salute. You are saluting not one another but the unwritten code that both have obser-

> signal is exchanged when the tractor your train for ince miles of lumbering along a B-road, finally finds a spot to pull out of the way: when the cyclist lets

you off your duty to trail behind him at 7mph by diving into the verge and stopping; when a driver has lagged prudently behind a nervous young horse and passed wide and slow. In coastal Suffolk, beyond the commuter belt, the code is remarkably intact. It is always a shock to drive into Kent and see how far the culture of hoot and swerve and V-sign has spread into the country

uch resigned chivalry applies equally to footpaths and bridleways. Riders shouldn't thunder round blind corners; dogs should come to heel when called: dreamy lovers and irritable old ladies should force themselves to smile upon shrieking toddlers who break the peace; parents should keep children off growing crops; farm gear and stock should be respected, but so should walkers. Shouting "Fascisti" at a farmer is as pointless as a farmer's threatening one lot of ramblers because another lot dropped litter. These things are obvious. We are all here, and interdependent.

But the very obviousness of the

dog is shor if it chases ewes and lambs. Now a new line is needed, because there is a new kind of pathuser which of its nature cannot join in the game of showing consideration: the sporting motor vehicle.

have shattered an ancient social balance based on eye-contact, smiles, scowls and instinctive empathy. Even to share some fellow-feeling. They all feel the rain on their neck and look one another in the eye. Even the haughtiest coachman could have his reins caught by an enraged par-ent whose child he threatened. A motorist, however chunky and safuri styled his four-wheel-drive vehicle, body else. He is comfortable and invincible in his steel box and a motorcyclist is almost equally isolated inside a thick helmet and a wall of

growling sound. On Tarmac lanes the motorised can just about live with the unmotorised, who can just about see the justice of giving them a share of the general consideration. Jolting and roaring on unmade tracks, they are an aberration, an invasion from another world, moving too fast to look back at the mud and ruts they leave. Mud and ruts, in any case, are part of their particular fun.

Their freedom, much touted by the

off-road lobby, is no doubt exhilarating. The snag is that it is a nuisance to everybody else, asking no consider-ation and giving none. It is outside the magic circle of tolerance, and can be limited without anyone feeling guilty about doing so. Let them hire their own roads and stick to them.

The extraordinary thing about society at present is that because we think so reverently of pleasure as part of freedom, we shrink from such obvious decisions. We tie ourselves in knots offsetting the personal choice of the off-roader against that of the walker as if they were equals. But they aren't equals, because they aren't an equal nuisance. It's as simple as that. Happy Easter.

A man who wrote a book on how

to gatecrash big events was jailed

for trying to sneak onto the site

of the Academy Awards. Scott Ker-

man; 30, author of All Sold Out!

How to Sneak into Sporting Events

and Concerts, was apparently

caught in the Shrine Auditorium

lobby while a rehearsal was under

GILLIAN SHEPHARD'S election

campaign has got black marks

The traditionally moderate

teachers' union was told last week that Mrs Shephard was too poorly to attend their annual conference

in Cardiff. The next day Mrs Shep-

principle is the reason why at a certain point lines have to be drawn, before the whole fragile structure of mutual consideration breaks down. They always were - by law, even the most beloved and otherwise harmless

Cars are bad enough on roads: abetted by planning which has unthinkingly given them precedence in both city and country, motor vehicles rider or cyclist, even the driver a trap or an open-sided tractor, close enough to the pedestrian

Life after Labour's Kill OF Labour's La Perhaps we want

real change, says

Anatole Kaletsky

week of the campaign is over and there is no sign of any narrowing in the gulf between the parties, nor any reasons, on the basis of the Tories' performance, in expect one. As John Major slips on his daily banana-skins and the Tories fail abjectly to benefit from the steady stream of good economic news, it is time to start thinking the unthinkable. Instead of an indecisive election with nothing much at issue, Britain may be about to experience a political earthquake of the kind that occurs only a few times every hundred

I have no idea whether Labour will actually win the majority of 150 or more implied by even a causious reading of recent polls. But the possibility of Labour winning a huge majority - perhaps overshadowing even the post-war records achieved by Clement Artice in 1945 and Margaret Thatcher in 1983 - can no longer be dismissed as absurd. Speculating on whether a landslide. will actually happen is best left to the bookies, but it is worth considering what one might mean for British

Last year I asked one of Tony Blair's closest advisers why new Labour had accepted so many of the changes made in Britain by Marga-ret Thatcher and bitterly opposed by

time pocialists. "We understood after the last election that we must deal with Britain as it is," he replied. "This country is very individualistic and very Tory. No Labour government in history has ever served two consecutive full terms. The political landscape of Britain is not a social democratic landscape. It is not even a Christian democratic landscape. It is a Conservative landscape."

Would such humility outlast a Labour landslide and Tory rout? Political beancounters insist that it would: most Labour candidates are dedicated Blairites and the more newmembers are elected, the further the parliamentary party will swing to the right. But human nature suggests otherwise. People are not driven to join the Labour Party by a wish to behave like Tories. If Labour managed to win a majority bigger than the one Mrs Thatcher enjoyed at the pinnacle of her power, it would be natural to see it as a mandate from the people to undo the excesses of the

📉 onsider a single, defining is- . 🗧 spending. Mr Blair has promised not to raise income tax and VAT rates in the next Parliament, and on this we can be confident that he will not break his word. Gordon Brown has said he would stick to the Tories' ceilings for total government spend-ing until April 1999. This promise, too, seems as solid as such things can be. But without violating either of these pledges there is plenty of scope for a new government to increase spending and taxation.

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The best witness to that is Mr Major himself. Between 1990 and . -1992 his Government increased public spending by 4 per cent of gross. domestic product (equivalent to nearly £30 billion a year in today's money) in a vain attempt to make membership of the exchange-rate mechanism more palatable to the public. In the following three years he raised taxes by the same amount to pay for this excess - but without touching the marginal rates income tax. This record explains why the Tories are in such a weak position to attack Labour over taxes and spending. But it also shows how easily a Labour government could raise both taxes and public spending, if that were what it wanted, without breaking its election promises.

Why then should Labour keep squeezing public spending after the two years covered by Mr Brown's promises have expired? The pundits' standard answer is simple: "tax and spend" policies are politically suicidal and Mr Blair is determined to stay in power for more than one term.

But how do we know that higher taxes and public spending really are political hemlock? After all, whenever opinion polls ask whether voters would be willing to pay higher taxes for better public services the answer is a resounding "yes". Indeed, say the pundits, but these are just lies. Yet how do we know that people are lying to the pollsters about tax and spending? Because they keep voting Tory.

Now there's the rub. Suppose it turns out that this time voters have not been lying to the pollsters and Labour is elected by a huge margin. Would it still be rational to assume that replies to the polisters' questions about tax and spending are just a pack of lies? It might be more logical to say that a landslide victory for Labour had been a turning point in the public's attitude to public finance. It might even be suggested that the British public was not quite so Conservative as Mr Blair's friend

assumed, . And from that all sorts of inferences might follow. For politicians to respond to the will of the people is not just opportunism, it can also be called democracy. If Labour wins by a landslide there will be no shortage of voices declaring that Mr Blair has a mandate, and indeed a democratic duty, to give people the radical change they clearly want.

Comedy team

SCHOOLGIRL titters spread like, chickenpox through Radio 4's Today programme yesterday morning after reporter Jonathan Burchill's dispatch about mercernaries in Papua New Guinea. He ended with a mention of the chap taking over the army, Jack

Tuat was pronounced "Twat" by Burchill which, in the febrile preelection atmosphere of the studio, convulsed the usually unflappable newsreader, Charlotte Green, into

Her report on the sperm whale stranded in the Firth of Forth was in tatters by the time she passed the microphone over to Jim Naughtie for news of the tunnelling convicts at the Maze Prison in Northern

Naughtie struggled on for a second, but even he succumbed when he saw fellow presenters stifling belly-laughs. Within sec-onds he had to apologise on air. "Excuse me," he wheezed in stitches before resuming his report and ending with an interview of the chairman of Northern Ireland's Prisoners' Association, a Mr-Finlay Spratt. "And that was Mr Pratt." he said, "sorry, Mr Spratt."

journalists were reportedly lying begging Mr Naughtie to stop. Which, fortunately, he had.

Spotted

LADY and Barclay, Dalmatians belonging to the Duchess of York, appear to have been abandoned by their mistress. She has moved back into a corner of her ex-husband's





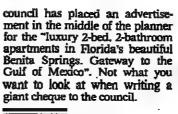
vast mansion Sunninghill, or "Southyork", near Ascot, leaving the dogs behind at Kingsbourne, the home she rented on the Wentworth Estate which is now for sale

at £3 million. Potential buyers will see their monogrammed bowls on the kitchen draining-board. The dogs seem to be looked after by a housekeeper who hides them out of harm's way in a downstairs room be reserved for Brockett. when showing the house.

Twinned with

ISLINGTON'S Labour council has just sent out this year's council tax demands, the second highest in the country after Liverpool, accompanied by a glossy wallchart detail-

ing key council dates. As if to tax the patience as well as the pockets of its residents, the for her reading of It Takes a Vil-



Piece of cake

A REMINDER of home for Lord Brockett, who is idling in Ford Open Prison, will come next month in the form of a slice of cake from a. party to be held at his former home

Brockett Hall. Plans are afoot for a belated 50th anniversary tea party at the hall for 600 East Enders, all of whom were born in the Grade I mansion when it was used to house an evacuated maternity home during the war. A slice of Victoria sponge is to

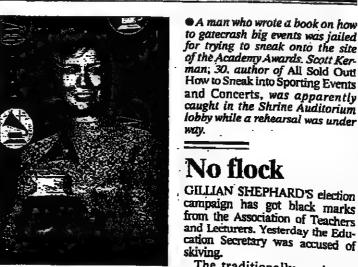
Best actress

SURPRISED delight - hands clasped over the mouth, popping eyes, a blushing concession speech etc - was the order of the day last month when Hillary Clinton won a Grammy Award in New York. The recording industry's answer to an Oscar was given to the First Lady,



she allegedly wrote.

It turns out the surprise was a tad faked. As the American Spectator reports. Mrs Clinton knew all along that she was going to be the winner. In fact, she travelled up to New York only on the condition that she would win. Her office told the Grammy Awards organisers that "we don't want her to look like a loser on national TV", and back came the coded message from Manhattan to the White House that the evening, if Hils did attend, would "be a positive experience".



lage, the impeccably right-on book

hard's own departmental press office said she had pulled out because of a "diary clash". Her replacement, undersecretary Eric Forth, then explained that Mrs Shephard was required in London on "election standby". It was put to him that teachers have votes too, but Forth was dismissive: "So do millions of other people, you know."

skiving.



MORAL OF THE MAZE

Republicans inevitably abuse democracy's freedoms

The discovery of an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the Maze prison is a tribute to the professionalism of one prison officer. But the escape route's existence is an unhappy. reflection of the weakness of the Province's prison service. Paramilitary prisoners within Northern Ireland's prisons, particuearly in the Maze, are given a degree of freedom beyond anything enjoyed by those convicted of comparably serious crimes in the rest of the United Kingdom. The inmates consider themselves prisoners of war and although their pretensions are not formally recognised they are, in practical terms, treated that way. Sensitive treatment of paramilitary prisoners is important for the peace process, but even more important is the security of Ulster's law-abiding citizens.

The turnel out of the Maze was paved with this Government's good intentions. Its builders took advantage of the freedom the authorities allowed them to try to recapture the freedom that justice denied them. Within the Maze, paramilitary prisoners wear their own clothes and police their own blocks. In those wings where republican prisoners are housed authority is exercised through the IRA's own command structure. Prisoners come and go as they please within secure wings, their doors open 24 hours a day and surveillance more a matter of the electronic

ear than the turnkey's tread. The Government is prepared to reach an accommodation with prisoners' demands because it believes it necessary to prevent discontent arising within the communities from which the paramilitaries spring. It may be understandable that the Northern Ireland Office thinks it preferable to indulge republicans in jail rather than provoke those on the street; but there is a price to be paid. If they did not enjoy such autonomy the

prisoners would never have been able to come anywhere near escape. If the prisoners had broken free this Easter, then it would have handed the IRA a propaganda coup at the most significant time in their calendar. As it is, frustration at this failure may find another, even more dangerous, outlet.

The moral of the Maze goes beyond the need for stricter supervision of prisoners. It extends to the whole approach of British governments towards militant republicanism. It is enormously risky attempting to treat the IRA as anything other than a ruthless terrorist organisation determined to exploit democratic decencies in order to undermine democratic principles. The Maze tunnel shows that freedoms extended to paramilitaries in prison will inevitably be exploited, just as the freedoms extended to republicans after the IRA ceasefire were exploited to prepare for a resumption of armed struggle.

It is naturally tempting to deny liberties to an organisation determined to abuse them; but it would be playing the IRA's game to overreact. Republican prisoners and politicians should still be extended civilised treatment, but in both cases the authorities should be alert to the determination on the part of the IRA and Sinn Fein to abuse any privilege. That lesson will need to be borne in mind with particular force by the next government. If Sinn Fein win parliamentary seats at the general election it could try to tunnel a way to the table with another tactical ceasefire. In its desire to see the peace process move forward the next government may be tempted to accept any ceasefire as a ticket to talks. Unless republican good faith is proven with a verifiable rejection of violence then lasting peace, like the grounds of the Maze, will inevitably be undermined.

TALKS ABOUT TALKS

Formal debates would best serve the public interest

At the present rate our politicians will spend more time discussing how television debates might be organised than participating in them. At first it seemed that the Prime Minister would be the chief obstacle to their introduction. Whether out of a new enthusiasm for open government, or sheer electoral desperance, John Major belatedly brims with enthusiasm. It now appears that the Labour Party has rediscovered caution. Its negotiators have acquired a passion for the inclusion of Paddy Ashdown as well as for questions from the sudience. The strong with a 25-point lead, formalised debates would not suit Tony Blair's risk averse strategy.

The Labour leader is, of course, more than

entitled to negotiate over the rules of engagement. The Conservatives have exploited the eagerness of broadcasters to dominate deliberations. Arguments over detail, however, cannot be an excuse for sabotaging the entire enterprise. The size of one party's opinion poll advantage is irrelevant to the issue. Both main figures have endorsed the principle; their associates must ensure that they happen.

There are three main issues that the parties and television companies need to settle. Which leaders should participate? What part might an audience play? What is the moderator's role? The solutions should be determined not merely through partisan calculation or predicted entertainment but in the interest of the voters. In all cases the public would best be served by arrange-

ments that most challenged the politicians. As only Mr Major and Mr Blair are plausible contenders for Prime Minister, they must be the main focus of proceedings. There is merit in allowing Paddy Ashdown to be interviewed at length afterwards, but the Liberal leader is not an equal player on

Peuces

minord

this occasion. The suggestion that he might be placed between two parts of a Major-Blair debate, like the brass band at the Cup Final, would be little short of farcical. In Scotland, which has a distinctive politics of its own, there should be a supplementary programme featuring representatives of the four main parties.

Overseas experience would strongly suggest that the toughest and most relevant questions usually come from professional commentators. There is little point in holding a debate if it allows the shop-soiled soundbites to enjoy another outing. There will be numerous other opportun radio and television for voters to press their points on politicians directly. The objective should surely be to stimulate a real debate between the two participants rather than

stage only a joint news conference. Such engagement and interaction are only possible if run by a single moderator rather than a panel. That role would be, for the next few weeks, the most cherished in British television. Whoever is selected has to ask the leaders taxing questions, then fade into the background and let the two of them do battle. It will be a difficult but not impossible balance. If two or more debates take place, the moderator will have to ensure that the same subject matter is not repeated. Three reputations could be made or lost in the

course of 90 minutes. The purpose of debates is to allow the electorate to take stock of their prospective masters. The rules are only significant in so far as they impact on that objective. A simple but formal format would allow the best comparison between the two contenders. The central function of democracy has always been to let the people speak. In this election that process would be helped if debates let the people see and listen.

ROCK OF THEN AND NOW

What if Franco had attacked Gibraltar?

Of all the great dictators, Franco remains the most enigmatic. Even his peers were foxed. Hitler detested him; Mussolini distrusted him; but the Caudillo outlived them both by 30 years. He survived, of course, because he resisted pressure to join the Axis powers. Though he later sent a corps of Spanish "volunteers" to fight on the Russian front, Franco refused to declare war on Britain: His meeting with Hitler after the

fall of France was a flop for the Führer. A decade ago the historian Hugh Trevor-Roper wrote a brilliant article for Encounter magazine about one of the most fascinating counterfactuals (or "what ifs") of modern history. If Franco had yielded to Hitler's blandishments and had cut off British supplies via the strait of Gibraltar, Rommel would soon have captured Egypt, the Nazis would have gained access to Middle Eastern oil, and Churchill would have been forced to sue for peace. The Axis could then have turned on Russia without the need to guard its western or southern flanks, and would probably have made short work of Stalin. Hitler would have had Europe at his feet.

Thus the fate of Britain, and of the free world, depended on possession of Gibraltar. Now it emerges that Spain did indeed have designs upon the Rock Plan G, a secret scheme to capture the British colony, was presented to Franco soon after Britain and France declared war on Germany in 1939. Victorious in the Civil War, Franco's veterans were unwilling to demobilise. They saw the reconquista of the Rock as a chance

to wipe out old ignominy; they cast covetous eyes on French colonies; and fanatical falangists would have liked a chance to share in a pan-European fascist crusade. Why did Franco turn down the plan? He

weighed it carefully: even in the "phoney war" before April 1940, and certainly later, Britain could ill have spared forces to defend the Rock. Yet a Spanish victory was not certain and would certainly have brought reprisals. The Spanish mainland was vulnerable to aerial, the Canary Islands to naval bombardment. Indeed, Churchill secretly warned Franco of the consequences if Gibraltar were attacked. Churchill was serious about the Mediterranean: he did not shrink from sinking the French fleet in July 1940. Mussolini's African and Balkan fiascos vindicated Franco's caution; the Caudillo knew modern warfare as the Duce did not.

Something else may have stayed the Generalissimo's hand. The Peninsula War is deeply etched into Spanish consciousness, not least by Goya. Even Franco may have quailed at the prospect of plunging his ravaged country into a repetition of that sixyear ordeal - and with the British this time against him. For whatever reason, his suspicion of the anti-British alliance of Germany, Italy and Vichy France was wise.

Gibraltar is now self-governing, and no longer of such strategic importance. Democratic Spain may dismiss the episode as history. But for Spanish nationalists who suppose that the British will abandon the Gibraltarians, it remains relevant to this day.

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Warnings on 'tinkering' with composition of the Lords

Then there is the nonsense about a

proposal to "consult" crossbench

peers about replenishing their num-

bers, recognition perhaps of them as the "Independent Party". What about

other "parties" which may be repre-

sented in the Commons? If, after the

portent, we must devoutly hope.

From Lord Skidelsky, FBA

Sir, The principle underlying Tessa Blackstone's attack on hereditary membership of the House of Lords "Labour won", pack the Lords", March 21) is that it is "scarcely defensible" for peers (as it would be for members of football teams) to be where they are "merely by virtue of their birth".

Why? The object of any system of selection is to get the best people available into jobs. Birth is a method of selection. If it carries with it a training, an attitude to duty and other relevant qualities, there is no reason to exclude it a priori as a test of fitness to occupy any position. The genius of our constitution has been precisely to preserve a modest place for the hereditary principle - and with it an irreplaceable piece of history - in a modern system of representative democracy.

The only problem with the Lords worth anyone's serious attention is the historical imbalance between Conservative and non-Conservative hereditary peers. The easiest way of overcoming this would be for the whole body of hereditary peers to elect some of their number to represent them in the Upper House, in such proportions as to deny Conservative peers as a whole an inbuilt majority.

Elected peers could be christened Peers of Parliament" if that were desired. Such a system would achieve what Lady Blackstone claims she wants: removing hereditary peers' "automatic right to sit in the Upper

This would surely be a much more sensible reform than removing the right of all hereditary peers to attend. and then wondering what to do next.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT SKIDELSKY, House of Lords. March 21.

From Mr T. Bottomley

Sir, In seeking to justify the manageability of the proposed limited reform of the Lords Baroness Blackstone uses the familiar adjective "short" to describe a Bill which is intended to disfranchise hereditary peers. But will not another short Bill be required to enfranchise dispossessed peers III new electors for the Commons?

Abandoned children

From Mr George Plint

Nigerian human rights From Mr I. T. Robbins

Sir, The Canadian Government's de-Sir, I have long suspected that history cision to suspend diplomatic relations will view the process of transfer of with Nigeria (report, March 14) and to Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty as recall its High Commissioner gives the shabbier episodes of Britone hope that at least one member of ain's late colonial period, but I had not expected the potential for human trathe Commonwealth is not prepared to gedy to be turned into stark reality be-fore the end of British administration. accept the increasingly arrogant posturings of this brutal illegal military Your report (March 17) of the handi-Those observers who point to the

capped children abandoned by emigrant parents is truly distressing. The burden of shame falls on the nominally caring societies of the destination countries, who discriminate openly against handicapped people in inimigration policy. These innocents have truly been

sacrificed. I do not know China's record for care of the handicapped, but if it is any way equivalent to that of the former Soviet Union and Eastern bloc countries, then the future for these children and adults, without their families for support, is bleak.

The last, perhaps redeeming act of the British administration in Hong Kong, must be to put in place means to guarantee the future of those who cannot look after themselves. Surely we and the governments of the other destination countries, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the US, are big enough and rich enough to allow handicapped children and adults to rejoin their families.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE PLINT, Woodham House, Whitway, Newbury, Berkshire.

Funding for Tube From Mr Wyndham Thomas

Sir, May I remind your correspondents from London First, who deplore the reduction in the Government's annual grant for repair and improvement of the Underground system (letter, March 17), of some of the costs al-

ready incurred or projected. In 1992 the cost of the Jubilee Line, currently under construction, was estimated to be £1.6 billion; it is expected now to be £2.5 billion. CrossRail, now on hold, was forecast in 1994 to cost £2.7 billion; if built, and on all the hard evidence now available, it would cost close to £4 billion. Meanwhile, London Transport is seeking £900 million a year for ten years to modernise the entire system.

in aggregate these costs are hugearound £15 billion over ten years. This level of public subsidy was never supportable. The only practicable policy is to concentrate all available investment on the modernisation programme. This would benefit all London's travellers, enhance London's international appeal, and provide best value for public money.

Yours faithfully, WYNDHAM THOMAS, 8 Westwood Park Road, Peterhorough, Cambridgeshire. March 17.

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politics. By contrast, the Upper House fields people of real experience in every walk of life. Furthermore, since a peer dies and is replaced roughly every 14 days, the institution is in a permanent state of evolution. Lady Blackstone is wrong in her assessment; the House of Commons be-

comes progressively less representa-

former members who are likely to

vote for the party, seemingly regard-

less of the argument, is of concern. If this is a principle which the Prime Minister hopes "will become the norm", then it would seem that the

provision of the Life Peerages Act is

being used to put "placemen" in their Lordships House merely as "cannon

The strength of their Lordships' House lies in its independence of mind and spirit and there would be

few who would wish to see a move

away from that principle. The heredi-

tary peers broadly provide that inde-

pendence. "Placemen" from the Con-

servative Party, or any other party.

To maintain a proper balance be-tween the parties in the House it is of

course necessary to be generous with the appointment of life peerages to the

Labour and Liberal parties, but the Conservative Party should surely be

careful in its nominations so that life

peerages be appointed solely on merit and not on voting intentions.

fodder" in the voting lobbies.

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election, Mr Benn and Mr Skinner, for example, were to decline the Labtive; the House of Lords more so. our Whip and sit as "Socialists" would If, as may be the case, the whole mathey be entitled to nominate Mr Scarchinery of government needs overgill as their representative life peer? hauling, then let that interesting de-I am all for Lords reform but let it bate begin. Meanwhile, it is hard to be sensible. Unhappily, far too many of Lady Blackstone's comments see how creating new assemblies or piecemeal tinkering with existing ones can possibly lead to better governsmack of half-baked, academic and simply ideological proposals. Not a

Yours faithfully,

House of Lords.

CAVENDISH.

March 23.

will not.

Yours faithfully. T. BOTTOMLEY. 23 The Mews. Norton Hall Farm. Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

From Viscount Mountgarret Sir, Your report (March 19) that the From Lord Cavendish of Furness Prime Minister may have the intention only to offer life peerages to those senior members of the Cabinet or

Sir. Even if I might have difficulty in mounting a convincing case for the hereditary principle, as a Conservative life peer. I value and admire the contribution that hereditary peers of all parties make to the work of the House of Lords.

What is deplorable about Labour's proposals is that so little thought has been given to their consequences, and none to the likely composition of a future House of Lords. Lady Blackstone is very clever, but is she wise? Especially is it wise to require a revising chamber to be "more democratic and

The House of Lords works precisely because it has so little power and be cause party whips have no sanctions, leaving peers largely free to follow their consciences. If democracy is a good thing, it does not follow that more democracy is a better thing especially when it is bolted onto an institution whose limited powers are not in need of curbing. A democratically elected second chamber would be ravenous for power and would find itself either in bitter conflict with the House of Commons or worse, colluding with it.

Such are the pressures on Members of Parliament, it becomes ever harder to find an MP who has had anything approaching a normal career outside

> critic, author Wole Soyinka, and 11 other democrats. They might also consider the fate of the winner of the last presidential elections, Moshood Abiola, accused of treason and incarcerat-

Yours faithfully.

House of Lords.

March 23.

MOUNTGARRET,

ed for almost three years without trial: General Abacha has continually denied open access to human rights investigation from wealth and the United Nations. Is it not clear to all that Nigeria has something to hide? It is to Canada, apparently.

Yours faithfully. TOM ROBBINS (Personal aide to Moshood Abiola in UK). 3 Norton Hali Lane, Norton Canes, Staffordshire. March 17.

Trial by jury From Mr Michael Gould

farcical local elections that took place

on March 15 as firm evidence of Gen-

eral Abacha's commitment to a return

to democracy should consider the ac-

tions of two days earlier when this

"progressive" cabai filed treason char-

ges against probably its most notable

Sir. It is well established that the majority of magistrates are drawn from the professional and business classes and that ethnic minorities are under-represented. Given the background of most defendants in the magistrates' courts it is doubtful the magistrates are "dealing with their peers" as Mrs J. Melrose, JP, asserts (letter, March 15).

Magistrates are appointed by the Lord Chancellor on the advice of local advisory committees, the majority of whose members are in fact serving magistrates: this helps to explain and perpetuate the unrepresentative nature of the magistracy. Their training

is minimal and the vast majority of defendants appearing before them for trial plead guilty — a factor which can hardly be conducive to maintaining an open mind toward those who do not plead guilty.

The criminal justice system at present depends on the unselfishness of an unpaid magistracy. However, if your reputation, possibly your job, future job prospects and liberty were on the line, by whom would you prefer trial - a bench of magistrates or a jury of your peers?

Yours sincerely, M. GOULD (Senior Lecturer, Law School), Staffordshire University, Leek Road. Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Green shoots

From Mrs Janet Whithy

Sir. Driving in today's glorious sun-shine I spotted a convoy of touring caravans. Ah, yes - spring has ar-

Yours faithfully, JANET WHITBY, Forest Lodge, St Helena, Nr Dunwich, Suffolk. March 21.

From Mrs Ann Roberts

Sir, The first morning the pigeon scarer opposite the bedroom window goes off at 5am, spring is here for sure.

Yours tiredly, ANN ROBERTS. Forest Houses, Great Bedwyn, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

High life

From Mr T. J. Elliott

Sir, Mr C. F. Dayer (letter, March 22) writes that he does not understand how supposedly poor undergraduates can fork out £100 for a May Ball. Has he never heard of budgeting

for necessities? Yours faithfully. TIMOTHY ELLIOTT. Lark Hill.

Haynes West End, Hertfordshire.

Bit of a mix-up

From Mr James S. Argles

Sir, Mrs Pamela Morgan (letter, March 19) should perhaps recall Luis Bunuel's retort: "Thanks to God, I am still an atheist." For myself, as a devout atheist, I prefer John Buchan's quip, that "An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support".

Yours faithfully. JAMES S. ARGLES, 41 Park House, 314-322 Seven Sisters Road, N4. March 19. ·

Child Support Agency

From Mr Christopher Nelms

Sir, "The role of the CSA is to take lone parents, predominantly mothers, off benefit by making absent parents pay maintenance for their offspring" (report, March 20). According to its 1996 Annual Re-

port, last year the CSA recovered £300 million in maintenance payments, but spent £200 million in running costs. Is there no more efficient way of saving taxpayers' money?

Yours faithfully, C. A. NELMS, 3 Romney Drive. Bromley, Kent. March 21.

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Reconstruction of Elgar's last notes

From Mr Michael De-la-Noy

Sir, I read Richard Morrison's cogently argued attack on plans to reconstruct Elgar's projected 3rd symphony with much sympathy ("Don't tinker with Elgar's last notes", Arts.

In 1933 the music critic Basil Maine went to see Elgar, shortly before the composer's death, and in 1945 he wrote (Basil Maine on Music, Westhouse, 1945):

When he played parts of the work to roe on the piano he relied partly on the sketches (so disjointed and disordered as to be a kind (so disjointed and disordered as to be a kind of jigsaw puzzle), partly on memory, partly I imagine on extemporization. During the improvised (or memorized) passages, it was possible to think that one was beginning to share Elgar's vision, but the experience was an elevated and on fleeting that it could not so clouded and so fleeting that it could not possibly be re-captured by means of the sketches alone.

So what has changed over the past 64 years?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL De la-NOY (Author, Elgar: The Man. Allen Lane, 1983), c/o Scott Ferris Associates, 15 Gledhow Gardens, SW5. March 24.

Bartók in London

From Mr George Barbour

Sir, English Heritage has today unveiled a blue plaque outside 7 Sydney Place, SW7, stating "BELA BARTOK Hungarian Composer, stayed here when performing in London". Bartôk never lived in London. He

merely visited occasionally for a few days at a time. Are we now to expect English Heritage to mount plaques outside hotel rooms once briefly occupied by distinguished visitors?

Yours sincerely. GEORGE BARBOUR, 55 Onslow Square, SW7. March 22

Preserving archives

From Professor Sir Graham Hills

Sir, Dr J. P. Fox's plea (letter, March 20) for more paper mountains in the Public Record Office will I hope fall on deaf ears. The needs of archivists and historians are important to them but surely to no one else.

The burden of history is already heavy. It grows by the hour and with it the temptation to find wisdom and insights only in the actions and words of our predecessors.

Surely it is time for us to remainder as much as possible of the minutiae of the past, to think for ourselves and thus to confront the challenges of present with the intelligence of the present.

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM HILLS, Sunnyside of Threepwood, Laigh Threepwood, Belth, Ayrshire. March 22.

Yes, we have none From the Reverend Roger J. Parsons

Sir, The reappearance of bananas after the Second World War taught me an early and memorable lesson on

the unreliability of grown-ups.
I was five years old when given my first and much-heralded banana, free, courtesy of Mr Attlee's Government (report, March 19; letter, March 21). I thought it was pretty horrible and that the adults were mad to have been so eager to have bananas back again when the war was over, especially since so much lovely English fruit had continued to be readily available. I still cannot understand the attraction of bananas and I shall now defy the trend by continuing to prefer apples, especially the unparalleled English varieties.

Come to think of it though, if bananas are so popular, perhaps another quick government handout before the election might do wonders for Mr Major. This time I shall of course decline my free banana. Anyone else want it?

Yours faithfully, ROGER J. PARSONS. 37 Southcliff Park. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. March 23.

From Mr John Dee

Sir, According to your Agriculture Correspondent's report on the popularity of banana eating, my wife and I - living in Lincolnshire and Middlesex respectively at the time of the Second World War - should both have received a free one from the Attlee Government. We did not do so.

If Mr Blair forms the next government can we expect the omission to be

Yours faithfully. JOHN DEE, Fairlawns, Little Cawthorpe, Louth, Lincolnshire. March 24.

From Mrs Norma Osmond

Sir, Another good thing about eating a banana - one doesn't have to peel off a tenacious sticker from an unwashed skin, which once unleashed sticks to everything it shouldn't.

Yours faithfully, NORMA OSMOND. Sylvans, Tilford Road, Farnham, Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 24: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were repre-sented by Sir Robin Butler (Head of the Home Civil Service) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Bancroft (formerly Head of the Home Civil Service and Permanent Secretary of the Civil Service Department) which was held in St Margaret's Church Westminster Abbey, today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 24: The Prince Edward this morning undertook engagements in Madras, India.

His Royal Highness, accompanied by the British High Commissioner (His Excellency the Hon Sir David Gore-Booth), visited Cottingley, the residence of the Deputy High Commissioner, and met the Deputy High Commission staff and families and the British Council sponsored jazz group, "Tomorrow's Warriors" before nting a tree to commemorate

the visit The Prince Edward afterwards visited Fort St George and St

Mary's Church.

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Reception given by the Department of Trade and Industry and Indian British Partnership on board HMY

The Prince Edward later dis-

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will visit Holm View Leisure Centre, Skomer Road, Gibbonsdown, South Glamorgan, at 10.15; as President of The Prince's Trust and Business in the Community, will amend a seminar on opportunities for young people at The Docks Office, Barry, at 12.10; and will visit the Amelia Farm Trust, Five Mile Road, Walterston, Liancarian. at 2.10.

The Duchess of Kent, as president, will open the NCH Action for Children's Warren Park project, Kingston Hill, Kingston upon Thames, at 11,00.

Sir John Wordie A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Wordie, CBE, will

be held at St Giles, Cripplegate, Barbican, on Wednesday, April 23, 1997, at 5.30pm. Nicholas Hinton

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Nicholas Hinton, CBE, will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 3.30pm. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are re-Rector's Secretary, Room 7, I Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Dr Nicholas Tate, Head of Curriculum Studies, The Schools Curriculum Council, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Mairi Radcliff presided.

from Madras to Bombay and was received on arrival by Mr Michael Bates (Deputy High Commissioner).
His Royal Highness. Trustee.
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

embarked HMY Britannia, ilew

International Foundation, this evening attended a Dinner in support of the Award's World Fellowship. BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 24: The Princess Royal,

President, National Riding Week, this morning attended a seminar on "Horses in the Countryside" at Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, London EC2. ST JAMES'S PALACE

March 24: The Prince of Wales, President, the Phoenix Trust, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the trustees at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron. Foundation and Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. afterwards held a Reception for supporters of the Millennium Seed The Prince of Wales this evening

attended a Reception at the Dorchester Hotel, London WI, to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Pakistan's Independence. YORK HOUSE March 24: The Duke of Kent,

Patron, the London Philharmonic, this evening attended a concert at the Royal Festival Hall, London

Memorial services

Lord Bancroft

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir Robin Butler. Head of the Home Civil Service, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Bancroft held yesterday at St Margaret's Church. Westminster Abbey.

Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated, assisted by Ms Caroline Clarke, Lay Chaplain, Trinity Hospice, who led the prayers.

The Hon Simon Bancroft, son, read the lessor and the Hon Emma Haines, daughter, read Remember me when I am dead, by Keith Douglas, Sir David Serpell and Mr Andrew Railton gave addresses.

The Rev Roger Holloway, priest vicar, was robed and in the Sanctuary.

The Lord Chancellor was present. The Prime Minister was represented by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Speaker by Mr Nicolas Bevan. Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, was represented by Lord Armstrong of Ilminster and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, and Lady Callaghan attended. Among others present were:

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Lady Bancroft (widow), the Hon Adam and Mrs
Bancroft (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Jeterny
Haines (son-in-law), the Hon Mrs Simon Bancroft
(daughter-in-law), Megan Bancroft. Nicholas
Bancroft. Phoebe Haines and Louis Haines
(grandchildren). Mr and Mrs Gordon Swaine
brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr Peter Swaine
brother-in-law, Ms Frances Swaine. Mr Mark
Hamilton.

brother-in-law). Ms Frances Swaine. Mr Mark Hamilton.

The Duke of Devonshire. KG. the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Tenby, Lord Ackner. Lord Aldington, Lord Allen of Abbeydale, Lord Ampthill, Lady Armstrong of Himinser. Laidy Armstrong of Sanderstead. Lord Beloif, Lord Boston of Faversham, QC. Lord Brabazon of Tara. Lord and Lady Bridges. Lord Brabazon of Tara. Lord Bruce of Donington. Lady Butler of Saffron Walden. Lord Chorley, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, and Lady Cledwyn.

Lord Croham. Lord Cuckney, Baroness David, Lord Ellbank, Lord Gallacher, Lord Gillimore of Tharnesfield, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Harris of Greenwich. Lord Hayhoe. Lord Henderson of Brompton, Lord Henniker. Lord

Brian Pearce, Mr. J. E. Pestell, Mr. A. H. Phelps, Processor John Postgate, FBA, and Mrs Postgate, Mr. M. G. Power, Mr. and Mrs Kenneth Pridham, Mr. John Redpath, Mr. Charles Regan, Mr. Malcolm Phys. J. Brian Phys. Rep. Mr. Malcolm Phys. J. Phys. Rep. Mr. Malcolm Phys. J. Phys. Rep. Mr. Malcolm Phys. J. Phys. Rep. Mr. Malcolm Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Malcolm Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Malcolm Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Malcolm Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Malcolm Phys. Rep. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Malcolm Phys. Rep. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Phys. Rep. Mr. Mr. Phys. Phys. Rep. Mr. Phys. Phys. Rep. Mr. Phys. Phys. Rep. Mr. Phys. Phys. Rep. Mr. Phys. Phys. Phys. Rep. Mr. Phys. Phys and Lady Hunt of Lanworth Lond Jerk; of Roding, Lord Jenkins of Hallmoad COM Lord McIntosh of Haringey, Lord Merivin-Rees Lord Morre of Wolvercote, Lord Murras of Epping Forest, Lord Palmer, Baroness Park of Mountou'n Lord and Lady Perton of Yeold Lord Flummers of Marylebone, Lord Pinn Baroness Serota Lord Shaughnessy, Lord Lind Silmon of Hadles, Lord Silmon of Hadles, Lord Silmon of Hadles, Lord Thurlow Lord Lordott Lord Trend, Lord and Lady Watton of Detinant Lord Weatherfill, Lord Wright of Richmond, Baroness Young, the Hon Peter Brooke CH MP Mr Paul Channon, MP, Sir Frank Couper, Mr Reginald Freeton, Dr John Gilbert MP Mr Aubrev Jones Mr Charles Morris Sir Muhael Pailliser Mr Robert Sheldon, MP and Mrs Sheldon.

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Dame Mary Hedles-Miller, Sir John and Lady Herbecq, Sir Anhur Hockadak, Sir Treon Hughelady Herbecq, Sir Anhur Hockadak, Sir Treon Hughelady Harmes, Jones Sir Philip Jones (Total On Martines, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Mantand, Sir Gordon Manzie, Sir Romald McIntosh, Sir Romald Melville, Lady Milner-Barry, sir Derek Mitchels, Sir John Moure, Sir Gorder Moselet, Darrie Anne Mueller, Sir Paul and Lady Senions, Sir Georfee, Misselet, Darrie Anne Mueller, Sir Paul and Lady Senions, Sir Georfee, Otton, the Res Sir Derek Pattinson.

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Captain Henry Gosling

A memorial service for Captain Henry Miles the line a former Chairman of Cheltenham Racerourse, was held yesterday at St Edburg's, Blooster Obfordshire The Rev Ricky Yates លដែលនាស់

Miss Laura Gooding, daughter, gave a reading and Mr Christopher Hodgson, niphex, read a poem written by Miss Harriet Golling, daughter, Mr Buff Crisp gave an

HMS Suitan

Fellowships:

University. Muslim political dis-course in pre-colonial North

University, towards a definition of

M Gillings, Department of Archaeological Studies, Leicester

Science, Kent University at Canterbury, entrops and thermo-dynamics in 20th-century CULTURE. S T James, Department of

Archaeology, Durham University, Dura-Europos and the later Roman army.

tional procedure.

South Yorkshire Lieutenancy

MacKAY - Jean Elizabeth on March 23rd 1997, peacefully after a long these bonne with a molecular courses. Widow of Eric and drughter of the late Mr and Mrs F.A. Hayley of Smarden, Kent. Loved by all her family. Private creaming.

formerly New York Died peacefully on 17th March 1997 aged 73 years Femeral on Thursday 3rd April 11am, Lambeth Crematorium, Blackshaw Road, Tooting, No flowers please. Donations to Trainty Hospito, Clapham Common Northsida, SW4. Any Curber seguides to DR. Carr Femeral Directors, tel: [0181] 572-5040.

March 20th peacefully after a long lilness, much loved husband of Mary, father of

John and Margaret, father-in-law of Janette and grandfather of Vanessa. Funeral at Our Lady of

Simmons - Lieutenant Colone: Edward Clare pascefully in his sleep at home at Sutton Veny on 20th March sged 98. Much loved father, grandfather, private cremation; followed by a Service of Transcriptor.

Sorrows, Effingha 3rd at 12 noon.

Leverhulme Trust 1996 Special Research

K Bennison, Department of Mid-die Eastern Studies, Marchester

J Blake, School of Law, Glasgow

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University, intensive archaeological surveys analysis, synthesis and GIS.

lan N Hispinson. Centre for History & Coloural Studies of

A C Kerr, Department of Geology. Leicester University, massive vol-carrie eruptions and global mass

COURSED IN T Mackenna, School of Fine Art, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art. Dundee University, transla-tion — language and trusge as

P W Marsh, Department of Economies and Mathematics. York University, improved asymptotics for econometric estimators and lests.

R M Tatlow Department of Music. Royal Holloway College, number in Bach's precomposi-P Upchurch, School of Biological Sciences, Bristol University, pat-terns in dinosaur evolution and

biogeography.

Luncheons Today's royal London Europe Society engagements Mr Karel Van Miert, EC Commissioner for Competition, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the London Europe Society and European Luncheon Club held yesterday at the Over-Seas House. St

lerday at the Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Derek Prag, chairman of the society, was the host Among others present were: The Ambassadors of Italy, Luxembourg and Turkey, Lord Cockfield. Lord Thomson of Monifieth, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, and representatives of the American, Beigian. Swedish, Hungarian and Polish Embassies and the banking and histhess communities. Royal Over-Seas League

Zealand was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, chairman, and members of the Central Council were the hosts.

Lecture

The Pilgrims Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG. delivered the 1997 Reflections Lecture to The Pilgrims last night at the Royal Society of Arts. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, President of The Pilgrims, Miss Prue Leith, Chairman of the RSA, and Mr Robert Worcester, Chairman of The Pilgrims, also spoke. After the lecture a reception was held for members and guests.

Appointments in the Forces Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: R Brumpton — HQLC. 28.2.97. WING COMMANDER: M J Kemley

RAF Coltishall, 24.297; D W

McCormick—HQ Aircent, 24.297; R

D Bushby — DHSA Yeovilton,
24.297; D J Hayward — HQPTC,

24.2.97. Retirements AIR COMMODORE: M J Butler -



Elton John, the singer,

Birthdays today

Sir Brian Bailey, former chairman. Health Education Authority, 74: Major Sir Shane Blewin, Royal Equerry. 62: Mr Humphrey Burton, writer and broadcaster, 66; Sir Kenneth Carilsle, MP, 56: Mr John Coles, FBA, archaeologist, 67; Lord Crawshaw, 64; Mr Lawrence Cunliffe. Crawshaw, 64; Mr Lawrence Cunliffe.
MP, 68: Mr Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, 45; Professor Mary Douglas, FBA, anthropologist, 76; Professor Sir Raymond Firth, FBA, anthropologist. 96; Mr Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Constable, RUC, 48; Mr Nigel Forman, MP, 54; Professor Sir Patrick Forrest, surgeon, 74; Mr Robert Fox, theatrical producer, 45; Miss Aretha Franklin, singer, 52; Mr John Gau, television producer, 57; Sir Peter Gibbings, former challman, Anglia Television Group, 68; Mr John Giffard, Chief Constable, Staffordshire, 45; General Sir James Glover, 68; Mr Benjamin Hanbury. Glover, 68; Mr Benjamin Hanbury, racehorse trainer, 51; Mr David Hicks, interior designer and author, 68: Mr G.R. John, former chairman, Dairy Crest, 63; the Most Rev Alwyn Rice Jones, Archishop of Wales, 63; Mr Barry Kyle, theatre director, 50; Sir Bernard Miller, former chair-man, John Lewis Partnership, 93; Mr Leif Mills, trade unionist, 61; Mr Richard O'Brien, actor and writer, 55; Richard O'Brien, actor and writer. St; Lord Quinton. 72; Mlas Dorothy Squires, singer, 82; the Earl of Stradbruke, 60; Mr William Taylor, Commissioner, City of London Police, 50; Lord Walker of Worcester, 65; Mr Michael Whitlam, director-general, British Red Cross Society, 50; Mr Keith Whitson, chief executive, Mid-land Bonk, 54.

Council for Licensed Conveyancers James Tricker, Northampton, Alton Wasteney, Nottingham, Rosalind Yemm, Lydney

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Lydney.

Jacqueline Aplin. Teignmouth.

Elaine Carrwright, Torquay: San-dra Cornwell, Haddenham:

Amanda Cranston, Dindon, Ama Dunkerley, Adlington, Barbara Evans, Shipton under Wychwcod:

Susan Ferguson, Redruth: Altson Gill, Ware: Belinda Jones.

Haringay: Kalpna Mehta, Wembley: Nicholas Moon, Wetherden:

Janet Pickering, Much Birch: San-

dra Priestley, Torquay: Geri Seston-Ferdinand, Ilfracombe: Ja-

net Seyton, Cheltenham: Mita

Shah London: Sarah Smith.

Walthamstow: Angela Thomas.

Newton Abbot: Natalie Thorn.

Rayleigh: Graham Woods. Northallerton, Rosalind Yemm.

Carolyn Bailey, Middleton on Sea:

Marion Bicknell, Horsham: Linda

Bloom, Brentwood: Nicola Brown.

Farnham; Michael Day.

Llandriniow: Anna Dunkeriey.

Adlington: John Hart, Wareham:

Sharon Harvey, Hockley: Mark Hayward, Eye: Marie Jones, Barnsley: Evelyn Lewis, Ladlow:

Richard Metcalfe. Ulverston:

Catherine Montgomery, Stroud:

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Cambridge: Gillian Tyler. Leicester: Louise Whalley. Stockport. Foundation Land Law Christine Buckley, Manchester: Janet Clare, Entield: Geraldine Coker, Walsall: Nicola Howarth, Brighouse: Susan Larwood, Rom-ford: Anthony Lewis, Horsbam: Chlu-Choi Mann, Warlingham; Heather Nappin, Bolton: Chris topher Norton, Beverley; Andrea Owen, Stone; Michelle Pearson, Hove: Frances Yates, Newark.

Final Conveyancing Caroline Evans, Barrow in Furness; Susan Gollop, Kidlington: Mark Hayward, Eye; Caroline Johnson, Orsett; Belinda Jones. Haringay; James Ledger, Shaw; Cutherine Montgomery, Stroud;

Jacqueline Nicholson, Newent: Janet Pickering, Much Birch; Irene Ramsay, Bradford: Jacqueline Robertson, Leighton Buzzard: Thompson London: Rosalind Tovell, Colchester; Gaynor Turner, Carlisle, David Walkins Taunton: Judith Winder, Wigton. Denotes Distinction

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Henry II, reigned 1154-89, Le Mans, France, 1133: Arturo Toscanini, conductor, Parms, Italy, 1867; Bela Bartok, composer. Nagyszeni Miklos. Hungary, 1881. DEATHS: Nicholas Hawksmoor.

architect, London, 1736; Claude Debussy, composer, Paris, 1918; John Drinkwater, poet and drama-tist, London, 1937; Paisal Bin Abdul Aziz, King of Saudi Arabia 1964-75, assassinated, Riyadh,

The British parliament abolished South Yorkshire the slave trade, 1807.

Mr Peter Wilton Lee has been appointed Vice Lord-Lieutenant of

Forthcoming () Dinners Ministry of Defence

Field-Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, was the The Hon Shape O'Nell and Miss C. Hickman host at a diamer given yesterday by the Ministry of Delence at the The engagement is announced between Shane, eidest son of Lord Cadogan Hotel in honour of and Lady O'Neill, of Shane's Castle, Northern Ireland, and General Fu Quanyou. Chief of the General Staff. People's Liberation Celia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hickman, of Campden Hill Square, London.

Cardiff Business Club The Lord-Lieutenant of South The Lord-Leutenant of South Glarnorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Max Phillips and the High Sheriff of South Glarnorgan, Mr. R.P.V. Rees, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was Professor Charles Stirton, Director, National Botanic Garden of Wajes, Middleton Hall, Llanarthne, Carmsr-thenshire, Mr Brian K. Thomas, Chairman, Cardiff Business Club and Chairman, National Botanic Garden of Wales, presided,

Army of China.

Service dinner

Dr Robert Hawley, DSc, FEng. was the principal guest at the Engineer Officers Dinner in HMS Sultan on Friday night. Vice Admiral John Dunt, CEng, FIEE. presided.

University news

among nine people nonmasted for honorary degrees which will be conferred at a traditional ceremony is:

conferred at a traditional cereatory is July. The others are:
Dr Rey Dolloy, the sound specialist. Professor Sir David Williams QC, the Vice-Chancellor Emeritus, Sir John Kendrew, Incomer director-general of the European Molecular Research Laboratory. Mr David Sainsbury, chairman and chief encounter of J Samsbury and a Cambridge benefactor. Dr Wollbart Panuenberg, professor of systematic theology at Munich University, Lord Taylor of Gosfortia, former Lord Chief Justice, Clifford Geente, the social scientist from Princeton University, and Heien Wendler, professor of English at Harvard.

Dr Tanothy Mend is to be the new Registrary to head the administrative service at the university from next autumn. He succeeds Dr Stephen Heet who is to retire after working for the university since 1961.

Dr Mend is at present secretary and registrar at the University of Kent Countriews.

Buckinghamshire. Mr M.I. Offord and Miss E.R. Hood The engagement is announced between Makolm Ian. 900 of the late Mr Maurice Official and of Mrs Maurice Offord, of Greenock, Renfrewshire, and Elizabeth Rebecta, only daughter of Mr Nicholas Hood, of West Kingson. Wiltshire, and Mrs Angela Hood.

Mr AJ. Edwards

Bolton, Lancashure.

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and Miss S.J. Gates

The engagement is ammoniced

between Andrew, eldest son of Mr. Pat Hamilton Barr, of Thursley,

Surrey, and Mrs Jean Walton, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire,

and Samantha, daughter of Mr

and Mrs Eric Gares, of Marshworth, Milton Keynes,

and Miss R.J.W. Brooker

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Mr and Mrs J. Edwards, of Sydney. Australia, and Rehecca Jane Webster, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H.V. Brookes, of 3 44

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The engagement is annuanced between Matthew, son of the late Mr R.O. Upton and of Mrs C.J. Upton, of Staten Coldield, West Midlands, and Kate, daughter of Dr and Mrs R.J. Sheahan, of Gilling West, North Yorkshire.

Marriage Mr P.D. Martin

and Miss K. Bachura The marriage took place on March 18, in Austin, Texas, of Mr Paul Martin and Miss Kristin Bachura: A reception will be held in Dalles on November &

Latest wills

Herbert Roy Rowlands, of Cofwall, Malvern, Herefood and Worcester, left estate valued at 66.019.773 net. . . Rose Healing, of Chadderton, Okiltam, Lancashire, left estate

valued at £2,282,963 net. George William Chambers, of Sedbury, Chepstow, Monmouth-shire, left estate valued at shire, left e £2.166,736 net.

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Elizabeth Virginia Warde Aldam, of Riding Mill, Northumberland, left estate valued at £1,244,968 net.

William Roland Hill, farmer, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,849,775 net. George Grant Cooper, of Pleshey. Chelmsford, Essex, left estate valued at £2,467,444 net. Joan Maureen Stonor, of Hay-wards Heath, West Sussex, left

estate valued at £2,050,959 net. William Derek Nightingale, of St Breock, Wadebridge, Comwall, left estate valued at £1,422,337 net. Kathleen Florence Powell of Whiteshill. Stroud, Gloucestershire, left estate valued - at 12,988,650 net.

Janine Renee Miljourds, of London WI, left estate valued at £1,085,853 net.

Harold Bridges, of Luneside, Burrow, Carnforth, Lancashire. left estate valued at £655.091 net. He left shares in his residuary estate to the Harold Bridges Foundation. Clarence William Nelson, of North Rigton, Leeds, left estate valued at £1,027,386 net. Raymond Fawcett, of Northallerton, North Yorkshire, left estate

valued at £880,703 net. Joan Wolfenden Houlker, of Presbury, Macclesfield, Cheshire. left estate valued at £1,130,281 net.

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BECKFORD - On March 22nd, to Clare (née Stourton) and Charlle, terien, Jack Michael and Joseph Petrick. to Class Victoria and Darki Simon, a daughter, Flora Rose, a cister for Mopen. BROCKEWIK - On March 22nd

CRAVEN - On March 19th, to Tessa (née Miller) and Graeme, a son, Matthew Anthony. March 20th, to Annie (née Hopwood) and John, a son, a brother for Senena. CURTIS - James Thomas Monteich bern 13th March 1997 to Sophie (nee

DAVIES - Co November 17th at The Portland Hospital, to ine rortland Hospital, to Olga and Paul, a son, Thomas John, a brother for Katie Danie and Deniel PGIBM - Ch March 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Lipne Strauss and Daniel Epstein, a son, Harlan, a brother for 18820.

FARREY - On March 20th, to Joanna and Charles, a beautiful daughter, Annabel NEADLAIR MORLEY - On March 20th 1997, to Crispin and Nicola (Chris and Niki), a son, Kenneth Zac, a brother for Daniel Peter.

HOLLAND - The Miss Income Skyla Madeleine Holland SKYLE Madeleine Holland was born on the 24th September, 1996, in Zimbabwe, Africa. First daughter of Michael and Lisa Holland and great good nices of Sir Reginald Holland Bart and Lady Holland of England. A young lady with a personality of some acts.

JENKINS - On 23rd March 1997, to Jane and Patrick, a son, Calum Michael Patrick, a brother for Lucy. 1997, to Rachael (née French-Greenslade) and Simon, a daughter, Charlotte

LARKIN - On 17th March at The Portland Hospital, to Kate Thomey-Hall and Ted, a son, Joseph, a brother for Olivia and Lucy.

LERCHE - On March 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Thomas and Anne-Lise, a son, Anbry, a brother for Victoire, MALHOTTA - On Murch 200a at The Portland Hospital, to Kunike and Bajiv, a sen, a brother lee Rohan. The Portland Hospital, to Clive and Rachel, a daughter, Debbie, a sister for Clive.

BIRTHS

HUTTALL - To Sarah and Richolas, a second son, Bertrand Richolas David, a brother to Freddie and Tara, bern 18th March 1997 at & Thomas Hospital. PARKER - On March 19th, to Hazzlet (née Douglas-Bate) and Edward, a son, Jack. 1997, to Denise (náe Walker) and Guy, a beautiful daughter, Josephine.

PIANIM - On Saturday 22nd March at 4.17 pm at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Elisabeth (nee Murdech) and Elkin, a daughter, Anna Elisabeth, 71bs 3oz, a sister for

RASDI - On March 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Homen and Mutan, a son, Thuifaquar. 2APM - On March 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Bush and Menashe, a daughter, Yasmin, our first born.

SHUCKBURGH - On March 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Sen and Emma, a daughter, Rose, a sister for TOWELL - To Emma Humphreys-Davies and Stephen, on 21st March 1997 at The Royal Hampahire County Hospital, a son, Daniel Alexander. TRAHAR - On March 19th at

The Portland Hospital, London, to Man (née Dunham) and Andrew, 2 WEIR - On 19th March, to Carrie and Justin, a son, Hamish John Macdonald.

MARRIAGES

Saturday 22nd March 1997 Ian Ballifax and Kirsty Khanburgh ware married in Aboyne Church,

PERSONAL COLUMN

ATKINS - John Manser pencefully at home in Kilcolinan, Ardagh, Co. Limnetch Ireland on 22nd March 4597. It have his wife Zenia, six children, three geand-children, family and many friends. His mann will be treated at Kilcolinan Parish Church, Tuesday 25th March at 8.30pm. Requiam mass on Wednesday 26th March at 12 acon, followed by interment in Kilcolinan Cametery, House private. Flower arrangements from Patricia Burks 00363 6962078. ATKINS - John Manse

DEATHS

BEALL - The Revel John passetully on March 22nd at The Ayr Hospital. Widower of Barbara (nee Bees) and formetly of CMS (Indle); St Matthew Mooribide, behault the first chaplain to The Prospect Hospice, Swindon and latterly of Thoon, Ayrshire, Fruneral at St Minian's, Troon, 1.45 pm March 27th. No flowers, formities if deniesd to the Hospice of The Prospect Foundation Ltd., Moormed Road, Wroughton, Swindon SN4 9BY or The Ayrshire Hospice, 35 Racecourse Boad, Ayr, KA7 2TG.

BENSTED - John Clive Wellesley, on Saturday 22nd March 1997 in Puerto Sollet. Beloved husband of Joy, devoted father of Malcolm, Gallion and Source.

BOLUS - Anthony Oliver (Toxy) peacefully on 21st March 1997 in his 88th year. Nuclearly herband, father, grandfather and brother. Private family funeral.

BOOTH - Charles Leonard, CAEG LVO, HM Diplomatic Service (retired), at home after a short illness cheerically borne on 21st limit 1977 Love training of Gill, loving father of Charles, Lydia, James and Rachel, fond gamdfather and date much as the charles of the BOOTH - Charles Leonard service. Family flowers only please. Denations if desired to the Fighthack HIV and AIDS. Trast c/o Fishers (Southwold) Ltd., Field Stile Road, Southwold, Suffolk

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BOSANQUET - Annett Katherine Jeanne on March 23rd peacefully at home after a short liness. Greatly loved by David and Patience and Mariota and all the family. Funeral private.
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CALDER - Annabel (née May) aged 83, widow of Rill, much loved sister of Peter, peacefully on Manch 19th 1997. Enquiries c/o Posey and Son. F/D. High Street, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Sometone

Gibert on March 7th suddenly at home, husband of Margaret Wardlaw, father of Jonathan and Nicholas or jongings and themeses and grandfather of Alexander and Editation Puneral and commission on place at Hendon on 19th Harm He will be mared.

CRAWSHAW - Nancy (nés Jenkins), . journalist, photographer and authority on Cypus, died aged 82 on 20th March 1997. Funeral Service to take place at Coldes Green Cremtechan in Webseley 26th March at 2 20. pm. Research M. declared an sternestry 25th March et 230 pm. Mower if desired clo Leverton & Sona Ltd. Funeral Directors, 212 Eversholt Street, London NWL. EASTRIAM - Eary Louis (nee Campbell) died March 22nd pascafully in North Wales, aged 92. Widow of Chude, much loved mother of Sylvia and David and quandmother of Heles and True Passail Service at Bangor Crematorium on Thursday 27th March at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Bessarch into Ageing, 15 St Crops Street London ECIN

FELL - John Wallace, much lored Restand of Amele and father of Alexander, peacefully at \$1 Mary's Hospice, Uresston, Cumbria on 22nd March 1997 aged EV. Peaced Uression Parish Church, Thursday 27th March 3:30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to St

GARBUTT - Leo JF, darting husband of Roma, pascetully at home on March 23rd. Funeral Service at the Saund Heart Church, Boldon Collisty, on Thursday March 27th at 10.20 am followed by interment at Boldon by interment at Boldon GIBBS - Molly Peel, D.B.E. or 20th March 1997. Peacefully

20th March 1997. Peacefully at the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells. Widow of the late Str Humphrey Gibbs. Much missed by her five sons, Jeremy, Nigel, Tim, Kenneth, Simon and their wives, children and grandchildren. Private coronation followed by a service of thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Leigh, Kent on 27th March at 12 noon. Faudly flowers only please, donations in lieu if decired, to the Kent and Sussex Hospital A&E Fund of H J Johnston and Sons, Camp Hill, Childdingstone Chusewsy, Kent, IN11 SLS.

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15th peacefully at home. Much loved husband of Denies. Father of Smon. Clies, Entherine and Zambi. Grandfather of Rachel. Thomes, Ellis-lame, Amp and Adam. Donations in memory will be appreciated to imperial Canses Fernal, 61 Lincolns Inn. Fields, London WC2. A private funeral was held on March 24th.

(née Shilson, previously Goodbody), adored mother of Juliet and Christopher and loving grandmother of Suzanne, Elizabeth, Lucinda, Lucinda MIPOC. Paneral Service Thursday March 27th at 11.30 am. Enquiries to AW.

HARDY - Lt. Col. Sir Rupert John Bt. pescefully on March 22nd 1997. Funeral on Wednesday 26th March 1997 2 pm in Gullsborough 1997 2 pm in Gullsborough
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STACY Edwin pencefully home on 20th March in it 84th year, beloved father Nell and husband of the h Gladys, Funeral at Dyrhan 4 pm 27th March, Epquis to (0117) 956 2834.

SERVICES

WILLIAMS - Mary (née Shankland) died quietty and peacefully early on Briday 21st Hannh having enjoyed her independence and a high quality of life during several years of serious filmens. She was very much loved and will be sorely missed by her family. There will be a private family cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service, to which all are welcome, at 3t John the Baptist Church, Danbury, Essex on Seturday 17th May 1997 at 11 o'clock. No flowers please, but there will be an opportunity to make donations, if desired, towards Cancer patient care following the Thanksgiving larries.

MEMORIAL SERVICES CBE CA CBIM FRSA Hon LLD.
A memorial service for Larry
Tindale will be held at St Junes Church, Piczadilly on Tuesday 8th April at 3 pm. The Family will be delighted to welcome everyone who knew Larry and wishes to join them in celebration of his life.

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bership of the Commonwealth

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served on the British National

Export Committee, 1968-71,

and on the Committee for

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for the rest of his life.

THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 25 1997

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Dick, CBE. accountant and businessman, died on March 16 aged 83, He was born on April 5, 1913

n accountant by . training but a merchant adventurer by instinct, Kenneth Dick for many years ran the Mitchell Cotts Group. A trading concern with extensive interests in Africa, particularly in Ethiopia, it was adminis-tered under Dick's guiding hand with great success. His experience in promoting business in the Third World admirably qualified him for his membership of the Commonwealth Development Corporation, on which he served from 1967 to 1980.

John Kenneth Dick was the son of John Dick, a manufacturing chemist, and his wife May. He was educated at Sedbergh, where he was captain of the lst XI, and renowned as a slow left-arm spin bowler. He qualified as an accountant with Mann, Judd and Company in 1936. Ill-health prevented him from joining the Armed Forces during the Second World War but he served as a firefighter in the City of London.

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He became a partner in Mann, Judd in 1947, practising as an accountant there until 1957. A highlight of this time was the five days he spent in the witness box as an expert witness for the Crown in R y. Nunnery, a case in which Numery were challenging the amount of a compensation offer made by the National Coal Board, He never forgot his examination by Sir Hartley Shawcross, who was

appearing for the Crown In 1957 he was recruited to the Mitchell Cotts Group as a managing director; he remained as managing director until 1978, becoming also deputy chairman in 1964 and chairman in 1966.

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KENNETH DICK



of the Covent Garden Market Authority from 1976 to 1982. His services to exports were recognised by his appointment as CBE in 1972.

In the last part of his life (as chairman of the Cobham Mill Preservation Trust) he and his wife played leading parts in

the restoration and reactivation of the water mill in his home town of Cobham in Surrey. Without his leadership, commitment, determination, vigour and practical good sense, this restoration might well have proved im-possible to accomplish. He

was particularly proud on the day that the mill ground its first corn for many years. Kenneth Dick was much more than a highly skilled

accountant and shrewd financial analyst — though he was certainly those. He was an able and effective manager: a strong practical streak, allied with his balance sheet acumen, his native wisdom and his long experience, helped him to address situations where management change was needed, with clear and far-sighted judgment. Furthermore, his ingenuity and flexi-bility of mind enabled him thereafter to devise and carry through effective solutions to management and other

He set himself high standards of industriousness, performance and integrity, and expected others to work to the same standards. He was a shrewd, if sometimes acerbic, judge of people. His views were always clear, and always trenchantly expressed, and would invariably be listened to with respect, even by those who might not be in agreement with them. He brought to all he did a

great seriousness of purpose, eavened with zest and a sense of fun. In later years he was indomitable in the face of increasing physical frailty, and continued with undiminished vigour to enjoy the use and active employment of all his mental and intellectual facilities unimpaired to the end of his life. He stood high in the respect and affection of his many friends and colleagues. who never ceased to enjoy, and benefit from, his company. He was a keen golfer. When

asked about his handicap, he replied with characteristic modesty: "I don't have one." in fact, he played from scratch, and became captain and later chairman of St George's Hill Golf Chub at Weybridge,

In 1942, Dick married Pamela Salmon, the daughter of Maurice and Katie Salmon. She supported him with devotion through his long and active life, even acting as what he called "my unpaid secretary" in his last years when he was working from home. She survives him, with two of their three sons.

MILES GOSLING

Captain Miles Gosling, former chairman of Cheltenkam Racemurae and Master of Bicester Hunt, died of cancer on February 23 aged 69. He was born on October 23, 1927

CHAIRMAN of Cheltenham Raccoourse for 13 years, Miles Gosling was a horseman through and through. In his youth he had ridden 15 winners under National Hunt Rules and on one occasion even had a ride in the Grand National. But he was equally at home in the hunting field serving as Master of the Bioester for nine years and making it his practice to ride twice a week to hounds. If his way of life might seem

to belong to a lost world, then at least it was one into which Miles Gosling had been born. The son of an Oxfordshire landowner (who died when he was 11), he went to school at Ston, where he was Master of the Beagles, before joining the 11th Hussars, the cavalry regiment that had been command ed in the early years of the war by his stepfather, John Combe.

He served with the 11th Hussars for five years, mostly in Germany and it was there that he initially developed his skill as a horseman. Before leaving the Army he took up a post in 1951 as ADC to a fellow Hussar, Lieutenant-General Sir Willoughby Norrie, the Governor of South Australia. Leaving the Army as a captain in 1952, Gosling re-

turned to take over the family home at Stratton Audley in Oxfordshire. There was a large farm to manage and he soon became fascinated by farming. He was appointed a JP at a remarkably early age and continued as one for the next 35 years. In 1970 he was High Sheriff of Oxfordshire.

His interest in racing was there from the start. When he became too old to ride himself. he continued to own a number

became a member of the National Hunt Committee and in 1975 was chosen to be Deputy Senior Steward of the Jockey Club for three years. He will best be remembered, however, as chairman of Cheltenham Racecourse, and it was during the time that he held this position that the major developments of the stands and paddock took place. At the same time he took a personal interest in all who worked in racing.

Cheltenham was his love and it is largely thanks to



Miles Gosling's energies that today the three days of the National Hunt Festival produce the best competitive racing of the National Hunt Season. In 1990 he accepted the chairmanship of the Racecourse Holdings Trust, which had been set up to own and manage a number of racecourses, and had been passed over to the Jockey Club. He was still chairman during the successful takeover of United Racecourses (the owners of Epsom. Sandown and Kempton), though his illness had started to take hold. He spared himself nothing in visiting the smaller racecourses in the group, and getting to know those who ran

In 1963 Miles married Elizabeth Marler, by whom he had three daughters. His wife and daughters survive him.

THE REV DAVID HOY

The Rev David Hoy SI, Tall, but with a slight stoop priest, died on March 16 brought on by Illness, and

IN HIS 31 years as a Jesuit not talkative, but always ready priest Patien David Hoy held with a well-turned phrase a succession and important after others had had their say. Well-read and cultured, he he made a particularly notathe provide the control of the ble contribution to Catholic education, the pherding Hey-throp theological college (now part of Louding University) through difficial times, and serving two reass, as Rector of Stonymust, flet desuits' flag-ship school is Lancashire.

Hoy was devoid of all ambition, except one; as a remager he had a passionate desire to be a priest, and the thrill he felt on becoming one, after the Jesuits usual 13 years of training never left him.

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aged 84. He was being on with a shock of thick dark hair that greyed over the years, he was a quiet, reflective man, some thought him too clever, too polished), and he was regarded by his fellow priests as probably the best afterdinner speaker in a society known for its good talkers. For all his gravitas, he had a

> was very good with people. Augustine David Joseph Hoy was born in Bayswater, his father had a family building business. His education began at Cardinal Vaughan .School and from there he went

> puckish sense of humour. He

on as a boarder to Mount St Mary's, the Jesuit college at Sheffield. He began his training for the priesthood at Roehampton, going on to Heythrop for advanced studies in philosophy and theology before being ordained at Farm Street Church in Mayfair.

After ordination, he spent a year teaching English in a Jesuit college in Malta. Then he went as senior English master to Wimbledon College. where he also taught classics and eventually became assistant headmaster.

In 1959, however, a letter arrived for him in the post with totally unexpected contents. He used to muse about it in later life: "second delivery, a scruffy envelope, obviously got caught up in the postal machinery, telling me I was to



become rector of Heythrap. Nowadays there would be discernments, interviews and all the rest over weeks, months ... time, perhaps for escape!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Heythrop would, normally, be considered a plum job. Not then, however, for these were difficult years in the Roman Catholic church. Pope John XXIII had taken over the See of Peter the previous year. Rome was buzzing with talk of change and modernisation, opening a window" as the Pope put it. But the Second Vatican Council had yet to

Students for the priesthood were restless everywhere, full of their own ideas, anxious that change should not be delayed. Heythrop was no exception. It was not easy for the new rector but, with robust support from his deputy, Father Philip Wetz, SJ, the situation was kept under control until Rome decided.

By 1964, changes in the Church and its time-honoured liturgy divided many parishes into two camps. Hoy was given another problem assignment. He was sent as rector to Stonyhurst, the important Jesuit boarding school in Lancashire.

Another college, Beaumont in Berkshire, had suddenly closed, and there were fears for Stonyhurst, too. There was a shortage of the young Jesuit priests who had formed the basis of the teaching faculty in the past. School facilities needed updating, roofs repairing and there was much else to be done.

The building costs were E600,000, an enormous sum in those days. Things were so urgent that Hoy decided to go ahead without delay, even though all the money had yet to be raised. The debt was paid off in under five years, mostly by voluntary contributions. Supported by the headmaster, the Rev George Earle, SJ, lay staff were appointed in significant numbers for the first

Hoy decided that Stony-

hurst should have its own board of governors and cast his net wide. Among those invited to join was Abbot Basil Hume, (now Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, at the time at Ampleforth, the Benedictines' successful school in Yorkshire), whose acceptance brought Hoy particular pleasure.

The rector told the new board that it would "have to take a strong line, otherwise there will be no Stonyhurst". Hoy spent almost seven years at Stonyhurst, and was then invited back for a further four in 1980, making him the longest-serving rector in living memory.

post, as superior of the Jesuits' community at Farm Street in Mayfair. There, and in his later work as treasurer of the English Province of the Jesuits and Revisor Arcarum, the ombudsman overseeing the books and identifying over-or under-spending throughout the whole of the English province, his uncommon abandance of common sease stood him in good stead.

His last posting, at the age of 71 and until his death, was as superior to the community at Beaumont Preparatory School in Berkshire. Teaching classics there at the age of 79. he was delighted to be given a glowing report by a govern-

Hoy was in poor health for much of his life. At 39 he was struck down with tuberculosis, and a year later lost a lung Latterly he had suffered for several years from glaucoma and by the time of his death was completely blind in one eye. Nevertheless, he was a familiar figure out shopping in Engletield Green, doffing his hat to the mothers of

In the 1970s Hoy spent three years in another important

ment schools inspector.

Beaumont boys, recognising them even as his sight failed.

CHARLES DYSON

Charles Dyson, American entrepreneur, died on March 14 aged 87. He was born on August 2, 1909.

CHARLES DYSON Was a pioneer in the field of leveraged buy-outs. The self-made son of a Yorkshireman, he profited from the postwar boom in the American economy and became one of New York's richest businessmen. He believed in the private making and private giving of money, but his free-market philosophy was tempered by a desire to see government do its job properly.

His outspokenness brought him to national prominence in 1973, when President Nixon's notorious "enemies list" of political cononents was leaked to the public. Mostly Nixon had targeted Hollywood stars and other semi-public figures. Charles Dyson, fifth from the top of the list, was one of the few businessmen. Like most Americans, Dyson was a "hawk" at the

start of the Vietnam War, but had reversed his position by the late 1960s, when he saw how poorly it was being prosecuted. His inclusion on Nixon's list was probably the result of his involvement with both the liberal-leaning Centre for Defence Information and with Common Cause led by Lyndon Johnson's former Secretary for Health Education and Welfare. He regarded his inclusion on the Nixon list as "an endorsement of good standards".

Charles Henry Dyson was the son of a Yorkshire carpenter who had settled in New Jersey. His mother worked as a cinema projectionist, and Dyson was educated at local schools. His mathematics teacher, seeing that the boy was good at figures, suggested he try accountancy as a career. Dyson took his degree from Pace University in New York and joined the accounting firm of Price, Waterhouse. During the Second World War he assisted in designing the Lend-Lease Act and attended the first IMF conference at the US Air Force, he toiled behind his "mahogany bomber" establishing procurement practices for aircraft.

Afterwards he became an executive at Burlington Milis, and when he was sacked from there decided never to work for anyone else again. He set up his own company, Dyson-Kissner-Moran, in 1954, and bought his first company that year with \$10,000 of his own money and \$5 million loaned from the bank. This was his first leveraged buy-out - a matter of necessity, rather than philosophy, because he had no money. Countless more followed. The company became one of the nation's largest privately owned com-panies. Several of his businesses were based in Britain, as a result of which he was appointed an honorary CBE in 1980. Dyson continued to work

until a few weeks before his death. Although he enjoyed visiting his country houses in unstate New York and Barbados, he never lost sight of the value of money and he resisted the ostentation of some of his East Coast neighbours, His children, who were all educated at local schools, were each taken to visit Yorkshire as a 21st birthday present. On the other hand, he gave a great deal of money away to universities, hospitals and to individual students in the form of

His first wife Margaret died in 1990 after nearly fifty years of marriage. He is survived by his second wife June and by three sons and a daughter from the first marriage.

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The Queen, who takes a deep interest in the Alexandra Trust Dining Rooms, in the City-road — named after her — paid a surprise visit to the institution yesterday, as she did in 1900. A rumour had been circulated that the visit might be paid, but Sir Thomas Lipton alone had been definitely informed of the fact and of the time at which her Majesty would arrive. As it was the Queen's wish to see the dining-rooms and diners under normal conditions, the wish was respected. The Queen went to the counter and asked

for tickets for eight dinners at 4nd, and tendered half-a-crown in payment; but the young lady clerk, unaware of her identity. pointed out that the money was 6d. short, and as the Trust holds family to the "no trust" rule, she declined to issue the full number of passes while the money tendered was insufficie Thomas Lipton asked her to "give over the eight tickets," but, to the Queen's intense amusement, the girl was only partially reassured, and did not enecuse the order until Lord de Grey came forward and gravely handed over the balance. Of course, the identity of the Royal visitors quickly became known, and they were cherred with true Eastend heartiness wherever they appeared. The

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March 25, 1904

From the day Princess Alexandra of

Denmark landed in England in 1863 until her death in 1925 as the widow of Edward VII. she never lost the deep affection of the public.

Queen first made a thorough inspection of the ground-floor, which is reserved for men, and where hundreds were having an d la carte dinner from 3'ad, per head. All the members of the Royal party were impressed by the plentiful quantity and apparently excellent quality of the fare. They passed up by the lift so the first floor, where women and children were being catered for, and her Majesty was much struck by the happy and respectable appearance of the great majority of the factory girls who were dining on this floor. The Queen saw two little girls crying because they had lost their tickets, and promptly supplied

them with the necessary cash to make good the loss. Both the Queen and the Princess spoke kindly to many of the children and girls. Ascending by the lift to the next floor, the Royal visitors and suite inspected the kinchens and saw the various operations for preparing food in progress. At the Queen's request a girl "cleaned" a basket of potatoes while they watched, and, with the aid of an electric peeler, the girl had the vegetables ready for the sauce pan in exactly eight minutes. The Queen expressed delight at seeing so many poor working persons forcluding the

factory girls) and young children being provided at so low a rate with a substantial eal, and desired to have one more look at the humble diners. The visitors were cheered with great enthusiasm on reappearing in the public dining-rooms, and some of the children in their excitement mounted the seats and tables. The Queen was specially amused at one little fellow who, in his exuberance of spirit, upset his "ha'p'orth of soup" and stood in the liquid as it ran across the table. Great attention was again paid to the kitchen and washing-up room. Her Majesty had inquired of one of the girls if there was not an enormous amount of washing with 4,000 diners each day, and at her second visit smilingly observed, "What, still washing?"

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Checklist beat rogue consultants

CONSULTANCIES that guarantee success in finding grants for small businesses and promise to refund fees if one is not forthcoming should be shown the door, says the Forum of Private Business (FPB), the independent lobby group (Rodney Hobson writes).

So should consultancies that claim to be approved by the overnment, since government deirtments do not favour any individuals or organisations, it says. In spite of warnings by various organisations, representing small businesses, the forum says it still receiving complaints about dubious consultants selling services

that are often available free from a local authority or training council. Stan Mendham, FPB chief executive, says: "There are still a few bad apples in the grant-consultancy barrel. We have produced a checklist to help owners to distinguish

the good consultants from the bad. "Many organisations and individuals prey on the unwary by purporting to offer to help them to obtain grants and to guide them through the maze of the several thousand grant and subvention schemes currently available to UK businesses. If you are approached by anyone not known to you offering to provide advice or information about business grants you should seek advice from the FPB member information service or your profiessional advisers before signing any agreement or handing over any money.**

Mr Mendham says any reputable consultancy will be able to provide references from satisfied customers. Copies of the checklist are available from PPB (01565 634467).

Ambitious station ready to send the right signals

TO A stranger, they look like two temporary shacks hastily bolted together in the grounds of Craven College, Skipton, But to those in the know, this is the headquarters of a broadcasting organisation that plans to hit the airwaves at Easter. and serve news, views and music to listeners in a huge chunk of rural Yorkshire 24 hours a day.

The scheme is an ambitious one, not least because the station will have to serve a massive but sparsely populated area where, it is said, in the 2,000 square miles from Keighley to Kendal, across to Richmond and down to Ripon, there are more sheep than people. But James Wilson, Yorkshire Dales Radio company secretary, says this is no problem. "We'll fit the sheep with Walkmans and they can listen in too."

Mr Wilson is part of a consortium of Dales people who put in their own cash to launch a licence bid against tough competition. "I think our application was chosen because we were sensible and did not try to oversell ourselves. We were realistic about how much we had to spend and what our sins were," he says.

The consortium, made up of people living and working in the Dales, persuaded friends and family to help to raise the quarter of a million pounds needed for the bid launch and start-up costs. There has been heavy capital and technical investment and not much left for packaging. Hence not only the temporary shacks, but a cost-effectiveness that cuts right through the company. We hope to break even within two years and start making a profit in the third, but until then



Wilson is part of a consortium who put in their own money and are doubling up on jobs to save cash

staff costs have to be kept to a minimum, * says Mr Wilson. It means that many of the ten full-timers will have to do more than one job.

Mr Wilson will combine his role as company secretary with presenter of the mid-morning show; the duties of Ron Nicholson, the station manager, will include hosting the breakfast programme; while Graham Bower will combine the roles of music producer and compere of his own easy listening slot.

They may be home grown, but there is plenty of talent in the team. Many of the staff joined from other

local stations in Leeds and Harrogate. Mr Wilson, previously of Stray. FM in Harrogate, began "dabbling in electronics" in his gar-den shed at home in Pateley Bridge where he managed to broadcast at odd times over a few weekends.

Fellow directors include the own-

er of a Harrogate glass company, the former boss of a haulage firm. the technical director of the Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes, and a GP who serves on North Yorkshire County Council. Much will rest on the station being able to sel) advertising space to Yorkshire

business tolk, but Mike Hammond, sales manager and a former cavalry officer, is confident.

The feedback we have had so far is good. There are advertisers out there who want to give us a try," he says. 'We are designing packages to suit all types of businesses and budgets. You need to consider a wide variety when you are servicing an area like the Yorkshire Dales. But I am sure we can convince even the most conservative of Yorkshiremen." Yorkshire Dales Radio: 01756

Where a business gets into difficulties, the bank will try to allow sufficient time for it to take advice. In return, businesses will

which has drawn up its Statement facility, the timing of repayments, of Principles after consulting small and the interest rate. Businesses business organisations including the Federation of Small Businesses will be told what circumstances would trigger a review. A business may bring its own merce, will review the scheme in adviser to any meetings. Banks will have a complaints procedure, but, in the last resort, a business Banks that have agreed to adopt the principles are NatWest, Barclays, Lloyds TSB, Midland, will have the right to appeal to the David Thomas, the Banking Om-Royal Bank of Scotland, Bank of

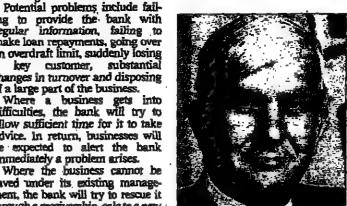
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budsman, if it feels that the bank has not kept to the code. Tim Sweeney, BBA director-gener al, said: "This is a real advance in

showing business customers what they can expect from their banks and, in return, what they can do to develop their relationships with their bank. Many thousands of businesses are alive today because their bank supported them through difficult



Thomas: role to hear appeals

Desktop diners warned

CAFFEINE, junk food and smoking are being used by many small business owners as they fight to beat off rivals (Brian Collett writes). The unhealthy habits were uncovered by Barclays Bank re-

searchers who interviewed 400 bosses of small businesses with turnover below £1 million. The survey found that a third of the owners worked an average of 11 hours a day, only a quarter got eight hours sleep a night, many took too little time off, 38 per cent drank soo much coffee, 22 per cent

ate excessive amounts of funk food and 18 per cent smoked heavily. A third of them took no exercise. More than half wanted to be fitter and accepted that they would work better if they were more active, but said that they lacked the time. Jerry Blackett, of Barclays Bank's small business services,

said: "A healthy lifestyle may make it easier to handle the pressure of the business world." Bardays suggests that entreprenews improve unhealthy lifestyles gradually, such as by smoking less.

A total of 124,000 claims for stolen tools and equipment from business premises and vehicles was handled by members of the Asso-ciation of British Insurers last year, resulting in payouts of £183 million. A report giving the figures coincides with a drive by Lloyds Bank, through its insurance arm. to encourage business owners to buy adequate cover. Lloyds estimates that crime costs businesses El billion in uninsured losse annually and can lead to lost contracts and even closure.

The SME Networks Show 97.

an information-technology exhibiaccording to the 1997 survey by the

tion for growing businesses, will be held at the Wembley Conference and Exhibition Centre, London, from April 8 to 10. The keynote opening speech will be given by Barbara Roche, Labour's small business spokesman.

☐ The number of employees in franchised businesses has grown to 264,000 and the sector's total turnover is now £6.4 billion.

British Franchise Association backed by NatWest. Altogether 94 per cent of franchisees recorded profitability. Brian Smart, the director-general of the association. said: "Franchising has proved to be the most successful way of starting a new business."

A series of breakfast briefings on latest management techniques are being held in London and

Crawley, West Sussex, by Arthur Andersen and Binder Hamlyn. The next seminar, on performance measurement, will be held in May, followed by remuneration strategy in July and customer satisfaction in September. Attendance is free. Contact Lorraine Hilder (0171-489 6075) for London and Karen Heath (0181-666 9021)

☐ The third edition of How to Buy Your Own Hotel by Miles Quest has been published by Brodie Marshall, price £20. Copies may be ordered from 0171-730 9974.

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Chancery Division

Order against officials quashed

Borough Council Ex parte

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Before Lord Justice Pourse, Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice Mummery 1 Judgment March 201 An ordermade against officers of a local authority that they be person-

ally liable under section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1982 for part of the costs of judicial review proceed ings was wrongly made, was procedurally unfair to the officers Although the court might ha

rrisdiction to do se, as a matter of discretion it was difficult in the circumstances where it would be right to make such an order against an officer where the local authority was uself a party to the

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Lambeth London Borough Council and two ent_officers. Mr Christopher Knaggs and Mr Michael Jellow, from orders by Str Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge (The Times March 21, 1996) that those officers personally pay costs in-curred between November 3 and December 18, 1995, in respect of a successful application by Donna Wilson for judicial review of a

discharged its duty to provide her moder section A5 of the Houseing Act 1985.

Section 51 of the 1981 Act, as substituted by section 4 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, provides: "(1)... the costs of an incidental to all proceedings in the High Court ... shall be in discretion of the court." "(3) The court shall have full power to determine by whom and

to what extent the costs are to be Mr Andrew Arden, QC and Mr and the officers; Mr David Elvin

as amicus curiae, the applicant did

not appear and was not LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that in successful proceedings for housing authority the judge, in-stead of ordering the authority to pay all the applicant's costs, had, in respect of part of them, made non-party costs orders against two of its assessment officers: see Aiden Shipping Co Ltd v Interbulk Ltd (1986) AC 965) and Symphony Group pic v Hodgson (1994) QB

Such an order was believed to be

The judge, having mentioned a saga of forensic inactivity on the council's part, referred to the

warning given by Mr Justice Sedley in R v Lambeth Borough Council, Ex parte Mahmood (The Times February 23, 1994) to officer of local authorities that they might be personally liable for wasted costs arising from an eleventhhour decision not to contest a challenge by way of judicial re-view. Th judge had gone on to say that there was "no clearer case criteria for making a wasted costs

The first point was that by the time the matter came before the iudge the applicant had accepted the council's offer to pay her costs of the proceedings. No reference to that offer was made by the judge. Although there had been debate

on appeal as to whether the council's offer had excluded the court's jurisdiction to make an order under section 5i(3), as a matter of discretion, it was difficult to see how the judge could properly numose could have been to punish Mr Knaggs and Mr Jellow for their perceived dilatoriness or maction in the conduct of the

in which it could properly be made had to be extremely rare. Here it

was plain that the orders had to be influenced by his understanding of what was said in Mahmood. But in that case Mr Justice Sedley's observations, in substance interlocutory and made in terrorem but without the benefit of argument. related to the personal respon-

> inary proceedings. The agreement as to costs beplicant was a special feature of the instant case which put its outcome beyond doubt. Even without such an agreement it was difficult to of circumstances, fraud and such like apart, where it would he proper to make an order under section 51 against an officer of a local authority which was itself a party to the proceedings.

ribility of the officers in internal

In the straightforward kind of case such as the present the circumstances in which a nonparty costs order could property be made had to be extremely rare. It was also clear that the order had to be set aside on the ground of procedural unfairness; an overriding requirement in the determination of such applications: see Ridehalgh v Horsefield (1994) Ch

205, 238-239). The judge's order assumed without investigation, that there were officers against whom ar order might properly be made and. that they were officers responsible for homeless persons and not, for example, officers in the legal

Further, it left it to the council to identify the officers against whom

cause and, if so, to deal with the applications against them on a proper basis.

Morewer, it had to be emphasised that an order made against a council officer in such circumstance, was capable of havprofessional consequences as well Doubtless criticism of the council's conduct was well justified at the time. The deep anxiety that the court might have felt about it had

recurring in the future. On the transfer, his employment relationship with the transferor greater waste of costs.

Lord Justice Potter gave concurring judgment and Lord Justice Munmery agreed. Lambeth: Treasury Solicitor.

Maes Finance Ltd and Another v A. L. Phillips & Co (a Firm) Before Sir Richard Scott. Vice-

Chancellor [Judgment March 12]

Where liability had been determined but damages were still to be assessed, a defendant could raise a plea of contributory negligence at when he alleged that the plaintiff's own fault had been causative of particular items of the loss.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chan cellor, so held in a reserved judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers in the Chancery Division, dismissing the Mac No I Ltd against an order of Master Bowman of June 7, 1996 who gave A. L. Phillips & Co, the defendant solicitors, leave to amend their defence.

Mr Hugh Jackson for the plaintills; Mr Grant Crawlord for the

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the defendants acted for the plaintiff finance companies in connection with two transactions in which the solicitor: lenders and the clients as bor rowers. The lenders contended that in those mortgage trans-actions they were the victims of fraud by the horrowers.

The lenders did not contend that alleged fraud. But they cur that the solicitors, who had become aware of at least some of the material facts while acting in the transactions, should have disclosed those facts to them. The solicitors' failure to do so constituted, they said, a breach of the duty they owed to them as their

The lenders brought proceedings against the solicitors to re-cover from them the losses they had incurred in the two mortgage transactions. On February 23, 1966 an order was made by consent giving the lenders judgment "for damages for negligence and breach of contract with damages to he assessed". The solicitors were entitled to contest the issues arising on the assessment of damages

The solicitors wished to argue that the lenders had contributed to their own loss by their own fault. The question was whether they could seek to reduce the dar for which they were liable by alleging contributory negligence on the part of the lenders at the assessment of damages after liabil-ity had been established.

Contributory negligence was no longer, as in pre-Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Act 1945 days, a complete defence. It now went to the reduction of recover-

The question whether contribu-

tory negligence could be raised for the first time on an assessment of damages, Hability having already been established, could not in his Lordship's judgment, now be answered simply by categorising contributory negligence as a

Whether it could be raised after udgiment decended, in his coinon, on the nature of the issues that were settled by the judgment.

It might be that the obtaining of a judgment for damages to be assessed, whether summary judg-ment or judgment at trial, would have settled some issue on which an allegation of contributory negligence would depend. If that were so, then contributory neglige could not be raised without first-

having the judgment set aside. But if the judgment had not estled any issue on which an allegation of contributory neg-ligence would depend, his Lordship did not see any reason why contributory negligence should not

Mr Jackson put forward as a reason that contributory negfigence was concerned with causashould be determined at the time liability was determined. It was true that the causative effect of a defendant's acts or omissions had.

Raising plea at damages stage omissions was established.

The defendant could not thereafter contend that his acts of any loss to the plaintiff. But he might still be able to argue, on the isessment, that they were not causative of particular items of the

And, as the plaintiffs accepted in the present case, he could argue a failure by the plaintiff to mitigate his loss. There would always be a causation element in a mitigation plaintiff that were relied on as constituting a failure to mitig were not causative of any of the loss the plaintiff was seeking to recover, the mitigation plea would

Similarly, a contributory neg-ligence plea would fail if the plaintiff's fault could not be shown to be causative of any of the damage for which recovery was

in principle, there was no reason of law why a contributory neg-ligence plea should not be raised on an assessment of damages. The fact that it operated as a partial view, no har, Indeed it was a reason why it was suitable to be raised at the assessment stage. It had, of course, to be specially

Identification not required for valid transfer of employment

MRS Environmental Ser his employment would transfer to vices Ltd v Dyke and Another Before Judge Byrt, QC, Mr A. C. Blyghton and Miss D. Whittingham

Hudgment March 10

The contract of employment of an sployee, who worked in part of a unusierred undertaking, was transferred to the transferre under regulation 5 of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment Regulations (SI 198) No 1794) even though he was not aware of the identity of the transfered at the time of transfer. The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held when allowing an appeal by the transferor, MRS Environmental Services Ltd, from the decision of a Bedford industrial tribunal, dated December 7, 1995.

applicant employee, Mr Richard Dyke, and that liability therefor had not transferred to the trans ferce, Mr William McBride. Mr Philip Mead for the transferor: Mr Charles Ciumei for the employee: Mr Andrew Short for

that it had unfairly dimissed the

the transferee. JUDGE BYRT said that Mr Dyke had been a local authority gardener/groundsman for years when the work which he did was contracted out to MRS Environmental Services Lad in 1994. When the transferor lost that contract it notified Mr Dyke that

the new contractor but that it had been unable to find out who that was. The transferee made no contact with Mr Dyke, and he made a complaint, inter alia, of unfair dismissal, naming the transferor as respondent. The transferee, having been identified. was added as a second respondent.

The industrial tribunal stated that it would have found that Mr Dyke's employment was transferred to the transferee under regulation 5 of the 1981 Regulations for Photostatic (Southern) Ltd v Okuda (1995) IRLR 11), which had held that there could be no effective transfer of an employee's contract unless the employee had notice of both the fact of the transfer and the identity

of the transferee. That case recognised that the consent of the employee to the transfer was of no consequence because of Berg v Besselsen (1990) ICR 396), but it argued that his lack of knowledge as to the identity of the transferee was altogether a different matter because such knowledge was an essential ingredient of a common law

In Secretary of State for Employment v Spence (1986) 1 QB 179 Lord Justice Balcombe had renovation. viewed the relationship between regulation 5 and the common lav principle of novation.

erable relevance, but it appeared not to have been cited Photostatic Copiers case. Had that appeal tribunal had the advantage of seeing Spence's case and Sunley Turriff Holdings Ltd v Thomson ([1995] IRLR 184), which was not heard until some months later, it might well have come to a different

> Regulation 5 imported a statutory novation which had effect regardless of whether the parties consented or had knowledge of the identity of each other.

> In the circumstances, on the facts of the present case, Photostatic Copiers would not be followed, with the result that Mr Dyke's contract of employment was deemed by regulation 5(1) to have automatically transferred to the transferee and was, by regulation 8(1), to be treated as terminated by unfair dismissal.

was deemed to have come to an end and all obligations formerly gwed to him before the transfer came to an end. No liability, therefore, remained attached to the transferor. The appeal would be allowed and the case remitted for the tribunal to

consider Mr Dyke's remedies against the transferee. Solicitors: Sheridans, Mr Bruce Piper, Taylor Walton, Luton.

an order might properly be made. The evidence before the judge did not deal with the individual responsibilities of the officers. The judge should have required the council to file an affidavit ponsibilities It would then have been possible for the judge to consider whether any of the officers should be invited to show

ing not only serious financial consequences to him, but grave been alleviated by Mr Arden's assurance that the council's legal services department had been radically reorganised so as to

prevent the pattern of conduct It was easy to understand the exasperation the judge must have feli about it in February 1996. But it had to be said that he took a course of action which, although taken in order to remedy one waste of costs. had resulted in another and much

Soliciturs: Mr Gerard Curran.

'Elvis' fails distinctiveness test

In re Applications by Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc Before Mr Justice Laddie Judgment March 18)

There was nothing akin to copy right in a name. Before the name of any individual, alive or dead could be entered in the register of trade marks, it had to satisfy the relevant conditions as to distinctiveness in the Trade Marks Act 1938, for applications prior to October 31, 1994, or the Trade

Marks Act 1994, thereafter. The Elvis application Mr Justice Laddie so held in the The distinctiveness addressed by Chancery Division in allowing an sections 9 and 10 of the 1938 Act appeal by Sid David Shaw from a decision of the Registrar of Trade Marks of January 31, 1996, dismissing opposition by him to applications by Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc for registrations, in part A of the register, of the name "Elvis" and of a manuscript version of "Elvis A Presley", the ignature mark; and in Part B of the register of the name "Elvis

Mr Richard Meade for Mr Shaw; Mr Peter Prescott, QC, for Presley Enterprises. MR JUSTICE LADDIE said

that Presley Enterprises was in some way carrying on merchandising activities started before Presley's death in 1977. Mr Shaw had traded under the name "Elvisly Yours" since the late 1970s, had in 1982 formed "Elvisly

Yours Ltd". a trading company; and was the proprietor of the registered trade mark Elvisly goods, including tioletries, soups, Mr Present had also suggested. perfumes, cosmetics and

shampoos. At the heart of his appeals were two issues: could anyone claim the exclusive right, under the 1938 Act, to use the names "Elvis" or "Elvis Presley" or the signature mark for a range of common retail products; and if so, who?

was not a quality of the mark which existed in a vacuum: it was a particular type of distinctiveness, the proprietor's goods from similar goods marketed by someone else. Mr Meade argued that the fact that a name was well known made it not more, but less, distinctive; that evidence of use was virtually non-existent; that there were no

special circumstances. Mr Prescon had invited consideration of the position, had Presley peen still alive and had himself made the present applications, say, even before he had become famous, he would then have got his marks registered. The position could be no different if he had applied later, or if his estate or its uccessors applied after his death. His Lordship rejected that seductive argument. It could be positively misleading to consider what the position would have been

that the public's current awareness that it would always assume that products of famous personalities or fictitious characters came from a particular, genuine, source; for example, in the case of a dead human, from his estate or someone ith rights granted by his estate. His Lordship's own experience ested such an assumption to false: for example, a purchaser

of a souvenir of a royal wedding was likely to be indifferent as to its As an example of other circumdistinctiveness, Mr Prescott had urged that Presiey's fame qualified as such circumstance but such fame did not help to identify Enterprises' goods with Enter prises, it only helped to identify

their goods with a particular

subject matter, namely, Presley.

The Elvis Presley application All the factors mentioned above applied equally strongly: neither "Elvis Presley" nor "Elvis" qualified for registration under section 10 of the 1938 Act.

The signature mark application Signatures were dealt with expressly under section 9(1). If the

distinctiveness must be dependent on the particular graphic style used to write it; hence Mr Meade urged that any registration should be subject to a disclaimer under

section 14. For some time his Lordship had been minded to allow the mark on the register, but subject to a disclaimer. Nothing in this registration shall give rise to any exclusive rights in the words 'Elvis', 'A', and 'Presley' whether used separately or together, save when used in substantially the script shown."

However, the onus remained on Enterprises to demonstrate that claimer, was adapted to distinguish the goods from the same or similar goods of other traders.

As with the other two marks, there had been no evidence of its use in the United Kingdom, or that any member of the public had learned to treat it as distinguishing it as coming from a particular

In the result, Enterprises had failed to satisfy the court that there was no reasonable likelihood of deception or confusion arising among a substantial number of persons if the signature mark were to be registered. Accordingly, Mr Shaw's opposition to that mark also succeeded.

Solicitors: McKenna & Co:

Competition for fantasy title grows ever closer



IT has been a long innings for Sophie And Sam, but there is a new leader of The Times Interactive Team Football game today, Mr D. Edmondson, of Worthing, has stolen five points ahead, with his

indeed, Mr G. Foster, the previous leading selector, has fallen to fourth place, with John Hunt and Mike Jones who both have a number of teams in the competition sneaking into equal second. But with only eight points dividing the top five selectors, the contest is by no means

The weekly winner hails from Cardiff. Mr G. Liewellyn, with his team Death From Above, scored 36 points and wins £250. He was well served by the Leicester City striking pair. Claridge and Heskey, and by the twinkling feet of Juninho. Mr Llewellyn's team is:

Goalkeeper P Schmeichel (Man Utd)

S I Bjornebye (Liverpool) A Wright (Aston Villa)

Central defenders

D Matteo (Liverpool) D May (Man Utd) Midfield players R Earle (Wimbledon) M Gayle (Wimbledon)

Juninho (Middlesbrough)

S Claridge (Leicester) E Heskey (Leicester)

G Speed (Everton)

B Little (Aston Villa)



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allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division. You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone

You can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes - although it should be remembered that this Saturday is free of Premiership matches due to the Mexico international at Wem-

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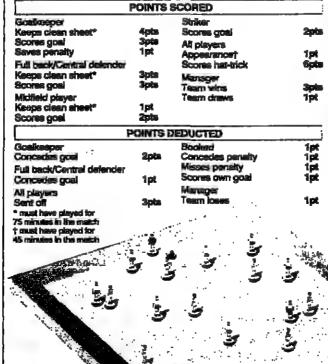
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HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF All 1996-7 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Terments Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.



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The ITF Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grain from now until the end of the season. Enter a team today for your chance to be a winner in 1997. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team to matter where it is in the league, the prize for the Manager of the Week or Manth simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community - as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1,000 cash.

Enter today by following the instructions below.

Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

1. You must use a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone).

2. Choose I goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.

3. Do not spend more than £35 million.

4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.

5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.

 a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.

b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number.

c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.



NB. Any new team will only score points on future games.

0891 calls cost 50p per minute. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All IIF rules apply, a copy of which will be made. available on reduest.

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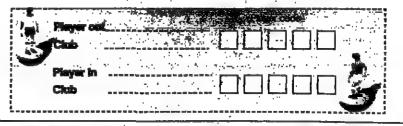
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The transfer week rurs from 00.01 on Toseday to midalght the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for your when his trensfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred convernalise part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

if a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may effect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points. -

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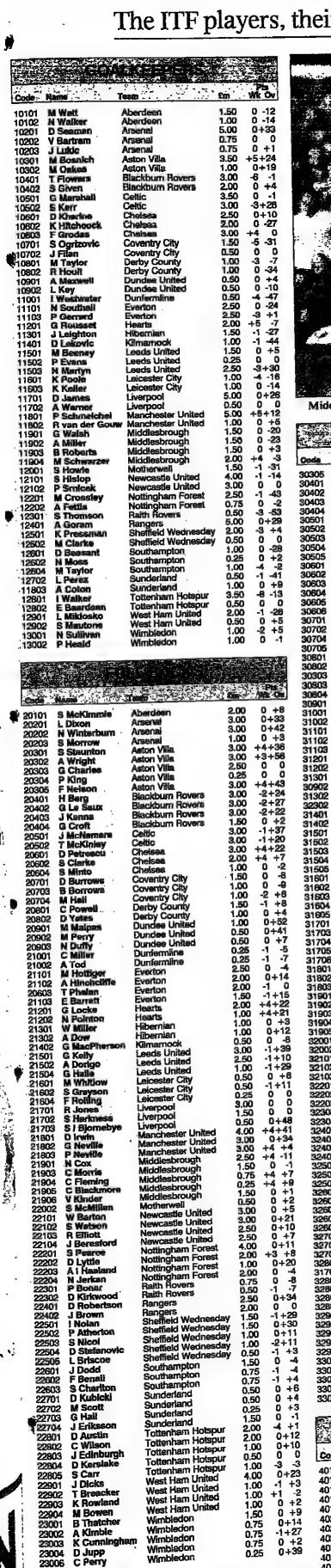
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52105 D Huckerby 50801 D Sturridge	Coventry City Derby County	3.00 +2+39	
50802 M Gabbiadini	Derby County Derby County	2.00 0 +7 2.00 +2+30	
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51102 G Stuart 51104 P Rideout	Everton Everton	2.00 +1 +4	
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51401 P Wright 51501 A Yebosh	Leeds United	7.00 0 +4	
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51601 S Claridge	Leicester City Leicester City	2.50 +6+51 2.00 +4+38	
51602 E Heskey 51603 M Robins	Leicester City	0.75 0 +7	
51604 Marshell 51605 S Guppy	Leicester City Laicester City	2.00 +2 +4	
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NEWS

Major plays the economy card

John Major claimed that Britain was booming and raised the spectre of a return to industrial warfare under Labour yesterday as he tried to get back on the offensive after a faltering start to the election campaign.

Along with Kenneth Clarke, Michael Heseltine and other ministers, Mr Major played the economy card, helped by the latest trade figures showing the narrowing of the deficit to only Pages 1, 9, 10, 18, 19, 27 £14 million in 1996...

Maze tunnel prompts call for inquiry

The Government was urged to review the prison regime in Northern Ireland after the most audacious attempt by the IRA in more than a decade to escape from the high-security Maze Prison. Inmates dug a 40 ft tunnel out of H Block 7, which houses notorious IRA terrorists.....Pages 1, 4, 9

Living in shame

Couples living together "will bring down the institution of marriage", the Archbishop of society to rediscover the concept of "shame"

Contract killer jailed

A contract killer brought over from Dublin to settle a gangland feud over drugs, "respect" and territory which has cost eight lives was jailed for life at the Old

Taunts banned

A school for maladjusted children in Calne, Wiltshire, has been banned from using a system of taunting pupils to help them to control their angerPage 5

Whisky ruling

A High Court judge ruled that the Isle of Man distillery producing Glen Kella, a clear "whisky" made from Scotch, could no longer call it that....

Orchids at risk

A 20-acre meadow near Bristol with rare green winged and pyramid orchids may be ploughed up after campaigners failed halt plans for quarrying.......Page 7

Army plan welcomed

A former defence minister and a former Chief of Defence Staff welcomed the Army's decision to review its code of moral conduct, which would effectively remove the ban on homosexuals...Page 8

Teaching teachers

David Blunkett is to tell a teachers' conference about Labour plans for a network of "laborato-Canterbury says and he calls for y schools" so that trainee teachers can see their lecturers' ideas put into practice ...

West Bank violence

The Palestinian Authority rejected Israeli demands for resuming talks and violence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip meant that the peace process remained

Berisha warning

President Berisha says he cannot guarantee the safety of aid convoys coming to Albania. He also revealed that he had considered resigning during the height of his country's crisis.....

Zaire rebels advance

Two key cities at the heart of Zaire's mining industry seemed set to fall to rebels without a fight as President Mobutu sacked his Prime Minister Page 13

Eurostar protest

About 250 striking workers from the Belgian Renault plant blocked the London-bound Euroster and other express trains for two hours at a Brussels station.......Page 14

Gingrich pressure

Conservative Republicans want their former champion Newt Gingrich, "the most powerful liberal in US politics", ousted as House Speaker Page 15

French remember why wine is healthy

A new study shows that three or four glasses of wine a day can help to prevent senile dementia in general and Alzheimer's disease in particular. One or two glasses a day showed no benefit, nor did more than four. The research, by scientists at Bordeaux University, was not funded by the wine trade: it was greeted with undisguised enthusiasm in France........... Page 1



Judges choosing the shortlist of II for the NatWest Art Prize for young artists at Gibson Hall, Bishopsgate, London, yesterday

BUSINESS

Economy: Britain achieved its best trading performance for more than a decade last year, almost clearing the deficit... ...Page 27

Hotels: Prince al-Walced bin Talal, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia's nephew, is close to buying six of the hotels in the Princess chain from Lonrho for £350 million Page 27 Football shares: Alan Hansen, the television football pundit and adviser to the Singer & Friedlander football trust, is one of 14,000 disappointed applicants for Newcastle

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 40.0 points to close at 4214.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 96.7 to 97.4 after a rise from \$1.6038 to \$1.6126 and from DM2.6997 to DM2.7224.

SPORT

Football: Alex Ferguson, manager of Manchester United, welcomed the inclusion of David May in the England squad for the match against Mexico

Rugby union: The France centre Christophe Lamaison was suspended for 30 days after being cited by the Scottish Rugby Union for a shoulder charge on Craig Chalmers in Paris

Rowing: For the first time in years the Boat Race offers the prospect not just of a gruelling procession of endurance dominated by the leaders but a true contestPage 52 Cricket: Ian Healy, the Australian wicketekeeper, was suspended for two one-day matches after showing

dissent in the final Test against

South Africa...

ARTS

Poetry pair: Seamus Heaney and Ted Hughes have compiled a second anthology. The School Bag. Find out why, and how to hear them reading from itPage 36

Festival Hall...

Passion play: In Holy Week Richard Cork recalls how one of the greatest religious paintings, Piero della Francesca's The Flagellation, changed his life.....

TOMORROW

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INTERFACE How British farmers are using computers to reap a high-tech harvest

STYLE

White is right this summer, so long as it's a trouser suit, says Grace Bradberry

Better red: How does Colin Firth

Second opinion: Bernard Levin rejoices in the power of a sublime performance of Mahler's Resurrection that produced wet eyes at the ..Page 36

Asia cailing: Ayub Khan Din gained film renown playing Sammy in Sammy and Rosie Get Laid. Now his name is in lights outside the Duke of York's as his play East Is East returns....

deal with the contrast between the

Darcy codpiece and the red "Go! Go! Gunners" boxer shorts he has to wear in the film of Faver Pitch? Mary Riddell finds out Page 17 YOUR DRAFTER

New wave: A consortium in the Yorkshire Dales has won the franchise for a radio station broadcasting to their region Page 23

Free lawyers: The idea of barristers working without charge sounds like another lawyer joke.

Frances Gibb reports on why more and more in the profession are taking it seriously.... Justice quest: Sulaiman al-Adsani is a UK citizen who has taken his case alleging torture by the Government of Kuwait to the highest courts in the land. Why can't he get justice in Britain? .

Four hundred thousand Americans die each year from tobacco-related illnesses and if 40 million to 50 million of their fellow countrymen continue to smoke, the remainder of the population is less and less inclined to pay for the ensuing healthcare expenses. The logic which is emerging is that of a system where the polluter must pay, just as oil companies pay for

- Le Monde

Preview: Polygamy is thriving in Utah. Witness (Channel 4, 9pm) Review: Lynne Truss on fruitcales and megamouths.

Moral of the Maze

Unless republican good faith is proven with a verifiable rejection of violence then lasting peace, file the grounds of the Maze, will inevitably be undermined ____ Page 10

Talks about talks.

The central function of democracy has always been to let the people speak. In this election that process would be helped if debates let the

Rock of then and now

The fate of Brimin, and of the fee world, depended on possession of Gibraltar. Now it emerges that. Spain did indeed have designs Page 19 upon the Rock.....

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Suppose it turns out that this time voters have not been lying to the pollsters and Labour is elected by a huge margin. It might be logical to say that a landslide victory for Labour had been a turning point in the public's attitude to public finance_

PETER RIDDELL

The Public Service Committee has put in a bid to act in effect as a committee on the constitution. We are all going to have get used to considering constitutional matters in a more formal and less piecemeal way. Muddling along is no longer enough...

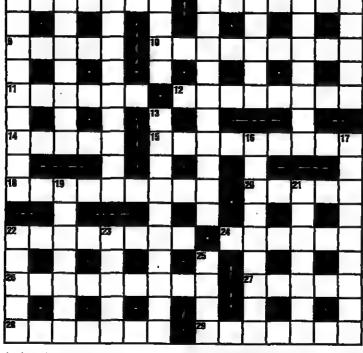
LIBBY PURVES

On Tarmac lanes the motorised can just about live with the unmotorised, who can just shout see the justice of giving them a share of the general consideration. Jolting and roaring on unuade tracks, they are an abercation and a

OBTUANES 2

Kenneth Dick, businessman; the Rev David Hoy, Jesuit priest; Miles Gosling, Cheitenham Racecourse chairman; Charles Dyson,

Tinkering with the Lords: Elgars last notes; Nigerian human rights: trial by jury; funding for the Tube; preserving archives......Page 19



- **ACROSS** I Coal fire started by logs to begin
- those fixing cable (7). 9 Get in a twist and show anger (5). 10 Soldiers advanced with gunners to the front - they're ready to
- 11 Gives a lift to individual trapped by crowds (6).

shoot (9).

- 12 Symphonic piece of significance composed around day of victory 14 Arterial route drivers have no
- right to enter (5). 15 Air ages in grash make a lot of
- commotion (5.4). 18 Doctor and master
- 20 Advance obtained by first person recruited to office (5).
- 22 Is going to dance in business premises (8). 24 He may run daily (6).

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- 26 For example, turned to lac to make explosive (9).

 27 Fool losing head in escape (5). Appointment to accommodate
- one served with court order (7). In which one's put over region
- 1 Fell in love? Was discouraged
- Restored clearing, removing new accumulation of ice (7). 3 Not comfortable with bad military command (3,2,4).
- Produce art as an Impressionist? 5 Disturbances in the House when rising it comes to nought (10).
- 6 Container in mint condition filled with old money (5). 7 Artist's application to work ir-regularly a long time (7).
- 8 Players one over the eight (5). 13 One goes up and down on this ship round equator (10).
- 16 One-time programme of exercise and food keeping number fit (9). 17 No going along with frenzied riot, yet brought into disrepute (9).
- 19 New material in current lyric composition (7). 21 Fruit's a necessity since being taken up (7).
- 22 Carried on regular payment to meet debts initially (5). Letter from abroad uplifting soldier's mother (5). 25 A chancy business, raising these

mushrooms (4). Times Two Crossword, page 52

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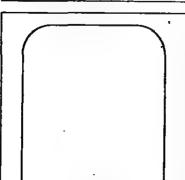


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FORECAST

General: England and Wales cloudy. Southeast dry after mist clears. Rain in northwest will reach everywhere later. Mild, light to mod-

erate southwesterly winds.
Rain across Scotland and N.Ireland at first, some heavy, turning to drizzie. Mild, but in far north temperatures nearer normal. Winds mainly moderate but strong, locally gale in

Cilondon, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, Central N: Dry then petchy rain later. Wind light to moderate. Mild. Mex 13C (55F). LIW Midtlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England: Patchy, mainly light rain. Wind light to

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Lake District, late of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland: Cloudy with a stable rain, heavy in places. Wind southwesterly moderate to tresh, Mild. Max 11C (52F).

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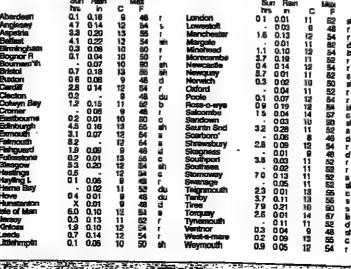
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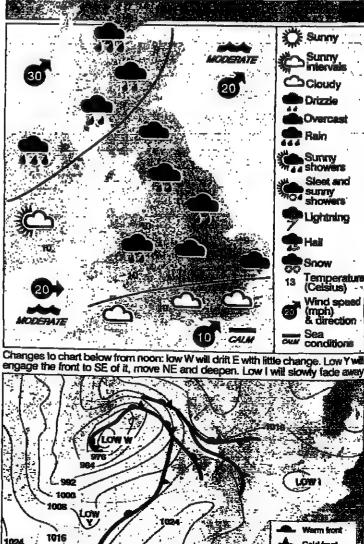
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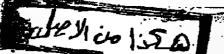
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UK deficit of £14m the best for 11 years

BRITAIN achieved its best trading performance for more than a decade last year, returning the balance of payments to virtual balance on the back of resilient exports and record earnings from invisible trade.

The deficit on Britain's current account shrunk to only E14 million in 1996, compared with £3.74 billion in 1995. This is the best trading performance since Britain ran a surplus of

£2.25 billion in 1985. John Major seized on the figures as proof that "Britain is booming thanks to people's hard work and Conservative policies". He said that the world had put its faith in Britain's goods and services and that this success would be put at risk by the election

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: This time we have healthy growth which is not running into the balance of payments problems which caused past booms to turn into bust."

In the last three months of last year, the current account recorded a surplus of £873 million compared with a £293 million deficit in the third quarter, much better than the £400 million deficit the City had been expecting.

The much-improved performance in late 1996 was largely because of a record quarterly surplus on trade in services, which rose to £1.94 billion from £1.70 billion in the previous quarter.

Britain's deficit in visible goods also improved, however, dropping to £2.58 billion

Fears of rate rises lower shares again

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

LONDON shares closed common fears of higher US down for the sixth consecutive trading day, depressed by fears of higher interest rates The FT-SE 100 index closed

40 points down at 4,214.8, its lowest level for two months. Since John Major called the election last Monday, the index has lost more than 200 points. The main culprit has been mounting speculation that British base rates will rise after the election and that US rates will be increased at today's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

However, the London market has suffered more than most, suggesting there is also an element of political uncer-tainty in the selling. In spite of

interest rates, the German stock market, for example, ended higher yesterday. This was largely because the dollar was buoyed by the prospect of higher US rates. This was intepreted as good news for

German exporters. The pound also strengthened on hopes of higher British rates and yesterday's healthy balance of payments figures which showed no adverse impact, as yet, from recent exchange-rate appreci-ation. Its effective index against a basket of currencies jumped to close at 97.4 from 96.7 on Friday.

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£2.91 billion in the third. In 1996 as a whole, Britain ran a record £12.2 billion surplus on trade in invisibles which includes trade in services such as finance and insurance, as well as investment income earned by British companies abroad. In 1994 and 1995, the invisibles surplus was £8 billion. Kevin Darlington, of Hoare Govett, said: These figures

pay testimony to the underlying resilience of the UK's trade performance and suggest that the combination of consumption-led, above-trend growth and the strong pound can be faced with equanimity in

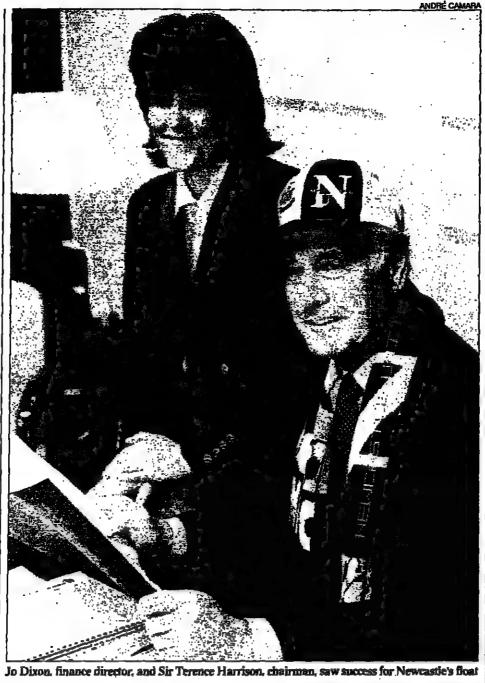
However, other City voices were less optimistic. Jonathan Loynes, of HSBC Markets, said that next year the strong pound will hit exports and at the same time reduce the value of repatriated income from British companies overseas investments, one of the strong features of yesterday's figures. He also predicted a current account deficit of £8 billion

Other figures yesterday confirmed that the economy grew by 0.8 per cent in the fourth quarter, giving year on year

growth of 2.6 per cent. The main engines of growth were the services sector and spending by consumers, which increased by 0.9 per cent in the fourth quarter to be 4 per cent higher than a year ago. However, spending appeared to be financed by rising incomes, rather than by falling savings. The savings ratio fell only slightly to II.6 per cent from II.7 per cent in the third quarter.

Mr Clarke noted that the savings ratio was historically high, and that this showed that "this boom is not a consumer hubble".

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Hansen sent off at Newcastle

By JASON NISSE

at £197 million.

ALAN HANSEN, the television football pundit and adviser to the Singer & Friedlander football trust, is one of 14,000 disappointed investors who were told yesterday that their applications for shares in Newcastle United were unsuccessful.

Only Newcastle's 8,500 season ticket holders and employees were given shares, even though the stake allocated to small investors was increased from 10 per cent of the float to 15 per cent. The shares have been priced at (35p, the top of

expectations, valuing the club Mr Hansen applied for 25,000 shares, a move which was in sharp contrast to the attitude of Tony Fraher, who runs the Singer & Friedlander fund and has been highly critical of the Newcastle float.

Mark Corbidge, joint chief executive of Newcastle, said the retail issue was seven times oversubscribed and the offer to institutional investors attracted applications from more than 100 firms for E46 million of shares.

Leicester City is to ask shareholder approval for a £40 million float in the summer. Tom Smeaton, the chairman, wants to simplify the club's archaic shareholding structure, leading to a float that would raise more than £10 million to complete the redevelopment of the ground and buy new players. Shareholders in Aston Villa have

approved plans to float the

club with a valuation of up to

E140 million.

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Lyonnaise and Suez shares up on talk of merger

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

SHARES of Lyonnaise des Eaux, the French utilities group, and Cie de Suez, the holding company, rose sharply in Paris yesterday amid reports that they are planning

Although neither firm would comment, analysts said they expected an agreement by the end of the month.

The prospect of a merger between two of France's most powerful companies, with diverse interests in Britain, has excited political, financial and media speculation in Paris. The deal would give rise to

an international giant, but would create tensions both within French industry and between France and Belgium. where Suez controls an important utility group."

According to reports in Par-is, Jerôme Monod, chairman Lyonnaise, and Gérard Mestrallet, chairman of Suez, are likely to announce the merger next week.

Etienne Davignon, chairman of Suez's Belgian subsidiary, Société Générale de Beigique, publicly acknowledged the possibility of a deal. Lyonnaise shares rose by 2.14 per cent and Suez shares by 1.64 per cent as trading

opened in Paris after a weekend of media speculation. Lyonnaise, which made a profit of Fr906 million on a turnover of Fr98.6 billion last year, owns three English water companies - Northumbrian, Essex and Suffolk and has interests in water

treatment and waste management. For Lyonnaise, the deal offers the hope of funds to finance its global ambitions. For Suez, which sold off most of its assets including the Banque Indosuez after the French property market crash of the early 1990s, it provides a raison d'être. It is cash rich

but has few activities.

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WPP to introduce share plan for staff

WPP, the advertising company, is introducing a share option programme for its 22,000 employees. The company has faced criticism over a share incentive scheme that could net Martin Sorrell, its chief executive, up to £28 million.

However, unlike Mr Sorrell, who receives free shares, rank-and-file employees must pay the market price at the

time the shares are issued. Staff with two years' service will each receive about 300 options every year. These can only be cashed in after a further three years, rewarding staff who have stayed with the company for a total of five years. The company said that the cost will be negligible, creating 3.6 million shares to the 470 million already in

WPP hopes the scheme will encourage employees to remain longer with the company. At present, WPP has to replace about 17 per cent of its staff every year, a rate that is slightly higher than the industry average.

Mr Sorrell has gained shares worth about E6 million though his scheme, which is potentially worth £28 million over five years, taking advantage of a sharp rise in the share price. Yesterday the shares rose lp to 253p, compared with a 1996 low of 157p. The company, which owns Ogilvie & Mather and J Walter Thompson, said the new scheme would "give everyone a direct stake in the financial

Saudi prince sets his sights on six Lonrho Princesses

By Alasdair Murray

PRINCE al-Waleed bin Talal. the billionaire nephew of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, is close to buying six of the hotels in in Paris. the Princess chain from

Lonrho for £350 million. The deal, which is expected to be completed within 2 month, does not include the Princess hotels in Barbados and Bermuda which both have casinos attached and gambling is forbidden by Islam. Prince al-Waleed is expected to merge the hotels with Fairmont Hotels, based in San Francisco, in which he owns a 50 per cenit stake.

The purchase of the Princess chain is just the latest step in a global shopping spree that has cost the prince billions of pounds. Last week he bought a 5 per cent stake in Trans

World Airlines. Earlier this year he paid Granada El04 million for the George V Hotel

Prince al-Waleed also holds stakes in Euro Disney, Canary Wharf, Citicorp, the US banking company, and the Four Seasons hotel chain. Last year he linked up with Michael Jackson to establish Kingdom Entertainment, a family themed media and leisure

Lonrho placed the Princess chain on the market as part of its plan to demerge its hotel. trading and mining

The conglomerate earlier sold its Metropole chain in Britain to Stakis for £327 million. The disposal of the Princess chain would enable Lonrho to carry out finally the disposal of its African trading business, leaving the rump Lonrho as a focused mining

company. In a separate development. the European Commission placed futher restrictions on the voting power of Anglo-American, the South African mining company which holds a 28 per cent stake in Lonrho.

The Commission ruled that Anglo can only exercise votes equivalent to 1.7 per cent of the total capital of Lonrho while it completes a monopolies investigation into the platinum

Angle acquired its shares in November 1996 from Dieter Bock, the former joint chief executive of Lonrho. Lonrho shares rose 312 p to 14912 p.



to merge hotel chains

Prince al-Waleed: likely

An amazing shopping list of worldwide investments

for Air France's Meridien

hotels. Pipped by Forte. June 1994 — Pledges to

take up to 24 per cent stake

in Euro Disney, the troubled

theme park operator, ensur-

PRINCE AL-WALEED is snapping up investments at a remarkable pace (Jon Ashworth writes). Enriched by the Saudi construction boom of the 1980s, he employs key advisers in property, leisure and finance to guide him. April 1988 — Part of consortium that takes control of United Saudi Commercial Bank in Riyadh.

April 1991 — Buys \$590 million of convenible stock in Citicorp, the US bank, and converts it into 14.8 per cent stake. Reduces holding to 9.9 per cent at reputed \$268 million profit. Early 1993 — Takes 11 per cent stake in Saks Fifth Avenue, the New York department stores group Early 1994 - Teams up with Accor, the French hotel group, in FFr 1.6 billion bid

Ing its survival.

July 1994 — Buys 50 per cent stake in Fairmont Hotels, a San Francisco-based hotel chain. September 1994 — Pays C\$165 million for 25 per cent in Four Seasons, the Canadian hotel group.

July 1995 — Part of the consortium that buys 20 per cent of Silvio Berlusconi's television empire in a deal

worth £700 million.

August 1995 - Teams up with CDL Hotels to buy the Plaza Hotel in New York for an undisclosed sum. October 1995 - Part of the Paul Reichmann-led consortium that buys Canary Wharf from the banks for 2800 million. December 1995 — Buys 50 per cent of the property that houses the Four Seasons

hotel in London for \$50

million. March 1996 - Appears at Paris press conference with Michael Jackson to announce creation of multimedia entertainment company based on "family values'

January 1997 — Buys Hotel George V in Paris from Granada for £104 million. March 1997 — Buys 5 per cent stake in Trans World Airlines, the loss-making US carrier. Holding valued at \$14.5 million.

March 1997 - Set to buy Hotels from Princess Lonrho for \$600 million.

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Big job cuts to follow formation of CWC

THE creation of Cable and Wireless Communications (CWC) from the E5 billion merger of Mercury Communications and three cable companies will trigger a substantial redundancy programme, company officials said yesterday. Analysts believe that as many as 2,000 jobs, equivalent to 15 per cent of the workforce,

could disappear. CWC, whose shares are to begin trading on the London and New York stock exchanges by the end of next month, would not confirm or deny the figure, but said the

Delay hits electricity customers

MORE than 1.3 million be excluded from the start of the competitive market for power because of a computer delay (Christine Buckley writes). The problem is revealed

just days after an all-party committee of MPs said that preparation for competition in household elec-tricity was behind schedule and a delay to the April 1998 deadline should be considered.

emerged after a warning from a meter manufacturer to the industry regulator that there is not enough time to update and test the memory and software of pre-payment meters used by six of the 12 English and Welsh electricity com-panies. Earlier this month Schlumberger told Offer that pre-payment meters used by Eastern, London, Northern, Seeboard. Southern and Sweb could not be upgraded and test-ed by the deadline. new group would seek extensive cost savings through the merger of various operations. The four companies - Mer-

cury, which is 80 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, and the Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable companies - have seven customer service centres and four network control centres. Nicholas Mearing-Smith. CWC's finance director, said: We don't need that many."

Cost savings are one of the merger's driving forces. Mr Mearing-Smith said that off-setting the cable companies losses against Mercury's prof-its would save about £100 million in corporate taxes over the next two years.

CWC will also have the ability to reduce the fees that it will pay to British Telecom to con-nect calls on its network. Mercury, with a national network, and the cable companies, with their local networks, will create a closed loop in many parts of the com-

pany, eliminating the necessi-ty of leaping on to BT's system. As the cable companies expand — they are halfway through a £12 billion capital expenditure programme — they will rely less and less on BT's network.

CWC will be 52.6 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless. 14.2 per cent by Bell, which recently bought Videotron, and 18.5 per cent by Nynex. Public shareholders will own the rest. The company will start with 1.1 million cabletelephony customers, 580,000 cable TV customers and proforma turnover of EI.9 billion. based on year-end figures. It said it planned to invest

£2.3 billion over the next two years to expand the cable networks and make them ready for digital TV services. Almost £300 million is to be spent on digital infrastructure and set-top boxes. CWC said an order for the first batch of

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Neil Ashley, left, chairman, and Eddie King, chief executive, hope to win work from Railtrack

Grupo Torras

debt-clearing

is approved

GRUPO TORRAS, the sub-

ject of Spain's largest bank-

ruptcy, was yesterday authorised by a court in Madrid

to end its Chapter 11 status, to

don and Madrid have since

sought to unravel financial

engineering used by KIO's directors while they ran it.

million pesetas (£992 mil-

lion). Torras will repay 11.58

per cent. Creditors owed up to

£4,500 get 97 per cent paid.

Of total debt now of 217,307

Reed Elsevier to buy US drug-design software firm

By Eric Reguly

chairman of Reed, said that

REED ELSEVIER yesterday continued its push into electronic publishing with an agreement to purchase MDL

start paying off creditors, in-cluding the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) in London. Information Systems, a Caliand to resume normal busifornia company that helps scientists to design new drugs. ness (Edward Owen writes). The paper, property and for \$320 million. food group collapsed in 1992 Reed, which is owned by with debts of \$5 billion. Reed International, of Britain. Legal investigations in Lonand Elsevier, of The Nether-

> Nasdaq market. The price is almost three times MDL's \$11-a-share flotation price in 1993, when the administrators who were overseeing the sale of Robert Maxwell's empire plucked MDL out of Macmillan and

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lands, will pay \$32 a share for

MDL, which is listed on the

offered the business to public the industry. Nigel Stapleton, the co-

MDL will probably not enhance earnings this year but is expected to make a strong contribution in 1998. In its last financial year.

MDL generated pre-tax profits of \$11 million on turnover of MDL was founded in 1975 and helps researchers to de-

sign drugs on desktop computers. Its database of chemicals is in graphical form. providing pictures of molecuar structures in two and three dimensions. The software used to access the database is

considered the most advanced

Amey rises

to record

on boost

from PFI

By Fraser Nelson

ORDERS from the Private Finance Initiative helped

Amey, the construction group,

to double pre-tax profits last year to a record \$11 million

The company, which has

established itself as a market

leader in transport infrastructure, said cash from operating

activitives had grown to £28

million (55 million) over the

period. It said that it was now

in the front line for the £16

hillion which Railtrack intends

to spend on line improvements

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vision, which looks after the

infrastructure of factory plants

and military camps, won a five-

year contract from the Navv.

worth 545 million over five

vears, it now manages a total of b0 establishments for the

Profits from its roadworks

division were lifted with an ESS

million contract to look after motorways and trunk roads

around north London, includ-

over the year, and the dividend

is ^op (7.1p₁. A final op is due on

May 30. Its shares, which have

quadrupled in value over the

past 14 months, rose by 112p to

Earnings rose to 21.1p (12p)

mer the next ten years.

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(55.32 million).

Mr Stapleton said: "MDL is very good example of where our strategic focus is going. Electronic publishing is our main growth area."

Separately. Mr Stapleton said that Reed is monitoring developments in Dow Jones the American company that ONTIS The Wall Street Journal and Telerate, the market data services company. Some Dow Jones shareholders want their company to sell Telerate, which is losing market share to Reuters and Bloomberg. Reed has been looking for a way into the financial services industry for some time.

Tilbury rail link revival

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

planned

FORTH PORTS, the Scottish ports group that also owns Tilbury Docks on the Thames, proposes to restore rail links at the southern port.

The company, which bought Tilbury nearly two years ago, has acquired 28 acres of land and track next to the port from British Rail's Property Board, which it wants to develop as a dedicated rail facility. Forth Ports says it is in advanced talks

with three large rail operators. In 1996 Forth Ports lifted pre-tax profits by 45 per cent to £22.2 million as the company gained contributions from Til-bury and Dundee. Turnover jumped 79 per cent to £84.7 million. Tonnage at the ports increased to 53.7 million tonnes from 48.7 million.

The final dividend of 9p lifts the total 12 per cent to 13p, due

Challenge for CDC as profits fall

By Alasdair Murray

THE Commonwealth Development Corporation, the UK state-owned investment vehicle, yesterday opened a debate about its future as it reported a 10 per cent fall in fullyear profits to £97 million.

Roy Reynolds, chief executive, said CDC faced a challenge to find adequate levels of finance to exploit its potential. He said growth rates are expected to improve across CDC's markets, including sub-Saharan Africa, and it remains well placed to play an impor-

tant role in these economies. CDC has a total of £1.56 billion invested in nearly 400 projects. New investment rose 10 per cent to £305 million last year. CDC iscurrently considering investment proposals totalling £742 million. The average return on capital over the past three years is 8.2 per cent.

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Unit trust sales boom

BY ROBERT MILLER

UNIT trusts enjoyed their best-ever month in February with total net sales of £1.4 billion, the highest monthly figure for more than six

The Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) said yesterday that funds under management with 159 unit trust and life companies rose by £2 billion to

£140 billion last month. Net sales of general personal equity plans (Peps) in February rose to £447 million, compared with £280 million the previous month, while sales of corporate bond Peps remained steady at £85 million. Sales of unit trusts in general, and those linked to Peps in particular, should be even better this month as the last-minute rush to beat the taxman before the start of the new fiscal year on April 6 gets under way.

Most encouraging to Autif, however, is the rapid growth in the number of unitholder accounts, which rose to 8.2 million in February compared with 6.8 million a year ago.

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BUSINESS PROBLEM

William Baird sells off five companies

WILLIAM BAIRD, the clothing manufacturer, sold off five non-core businesses for £23 million yesterday to an institutional buy-in company led and partly financed by 3i. the venture capital group. The businesses are Bridal Fashions, supplying bridalwear and accessories; Praxis Tailoring, supplying ladies tailoring; Joshua Wardle, a commission dyer, finisher and printer; Robenau Toys and Cowley Designs, part of Continental Imports, supplying artificial flowers, Christmas products and gifts. The businesses will continue under their existing managements.

At December 31, 1996 the book value of the net assets being disposed of was £23.5 million and the businesses made an aggregate operating profit of £2.8 million in the year to that date. The estimated book value of the net assets at disposal is £26.1 million and, after taking account of goodwill previously written off, the aggregate loss on disposal of these businesses is about £3.4 million.

Bemrose advances

BEMROSE CORPORATION, the stationery printer, lifted its pre-tax profits for 1996 to £23 million, from £16.8 million-Letts, the publisher of diaries, which was acquired last year. made an eight-month contribution of £4 million to operating made an eignr-monin contribution of £4 million to operating profits. Group turnover rose to £195 million, from £148.8 million. Earnings per share were 37.5p (33p). The dividend rises to 15.1p (13.9p) with a final 9.75p due on May 19. Bemrose shares fell by 8p, to 438½p, yesterday.

Ulster TV optimistic

ULSTER TV, the ITV company in Northern Ireland, said yesterday that it is "cautiously optimistic" of returning to real growth this year despite the arrival of Channel 5 and the increasing numbers of cable-TV customers. The company reported pre-tax profits of £9 million (£8.2 million) in the year to December 31, which includes an exceptional gain of £500,000. A final dividend of 2.85p is due on April 7, making a 5.1p (4.5p) total. The shares fell ip to loop.

Lehman Brothers ahead

LEHMAN BROTHERS took advantage of the boom in US financial markets to achieve a 38 per cent rise in net profits to \$144 million in the first quarter of this year. The increase follows record results from many other Wall Street investment banks and Lehman's own record profit in the fourth quarter of last year. The firm said that total net revenues were up 13 percent to \$925 million compared with the same time last year. Its pre-tax profit margin rose to 23.7 per cent (19.2 per cent).

T&S plans expansion

T&S STORES, the Supercigs, Dillons convenience store and newsagents group, plans to double the number of its convenience stores by the year 2000 to more than 500. It will reduce its Supercigs and newsagents outlets, leaving around \$75 stores, a net rise of 70. Last year it added a net 90 stores. In the year to December 28, pre-tax profit was £17.7 million (£15.5 million). Earnings per share were 16.79p (16.13p). A 4.75p (4.3p) final dividend, payable on May 30, gives a 7.75p (7.1p) total.

Northern Leisure up

NORTHERN LEISURE is to raise £10.8 million from a rights issue to expand its disco business. Northern is making some of the offering available to new institutional shareholders at 218p. a share to broaden its investor base. Existing institutional shareholders will be offered one new share for every 17 held at the same price. The company reported a 47 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits, to £3.7 million. The interim dividend rises by 25 per cent, to 2.5p, due on June 2.

VCI to start sales unit

VCI, the multimedia publishing company, is launching a direct sales unit for its video and audio products as it steps up expansion plans. Michael Grade, chairman, said that VCI is aining to build up its product portfolio to benefit from all opportunities available from fast-evolving media platforms. VCI yesterday reported a 13 per cent rise in full-year pre-tax profits, to £9 million. The total dividend rises by 10 per cent. to 7.8p, with a final dividend of 5.5p payable on April 7.

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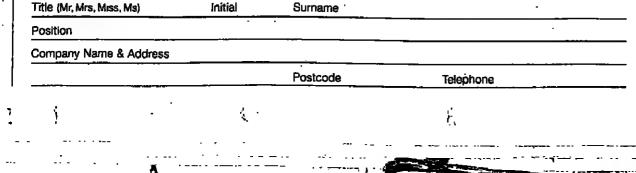
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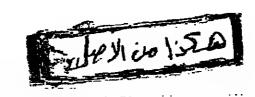
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comes control.



☐ Stagecoach runs out of steam ☐ Banking regulation still falls short ☐ Strange world of the CDC

☐ CALL it the Ratner paradox. For years you say one thing to the City and quite another to the outside world. The trouble comes

the day the wires get crossed. Gerald Ratner told that joke about his shops' gold earrings and Marks & Spencer prawn sandwiches, how the first was cheaper than the second but wouldn't last as long, for years. It was what the City wanted to hear - pile it high and sell it cheap. Until the remarks leaked to the press, and thence to the people who bought the said earnings.

When Stagecoach, owner of South West Trains, was first approached about the possibility of regulatory action over those cancellations into Waterloo, the City line was trotted out. Fines minimal, nothing to worry about. The trouble came when the remarks reached the people on the platforms.

Since then it has been hunt-aquote time. Brian Souter, Stagecoach's chairman, told City investors that some drivers were "a hot-bed of Trotskyites". Mr Souter said some of his cus-tomers had nothing better to do than to write letters of complaint - in office time, and did their bosses know? Neither read too prettily on that station platform. Expect a few months of silence from Mr Souter, then. But the affair has focused attention on

Stagecoach, and put the brakes

Trains, and prawn sandwiches

on a share price that had doubled since a year ago. The difference between Mr Souter and Mr Ratner is that the former has not yet bought a huge and ailing US chain of jewellers. The similarity is that Mr Souter, who has 15 per cent of the company and was buying shares again yesterday as a gesture of confidence on behalf of his wife, enjoys a great deal of power in the boardroom.

He is chairman; there is no chief executive. All three nonexecutives are members of the Scottish financial community, one a director of Stagecoach's own adviser. Mr Souter is now in meetings with institutional investors. Those investors might take the view, if he does not, that the best days for the share price are over. It is hard to argue otherwise, on fundamentals.

There are no more UK franchises available — as if Stagecoach stood any chance of winning them now. Expansion overseas will be more difficult. Yet the shares, selling on 13 times next year's earnings and 18 times the current year's, seem to imply more growth to come.

Now for the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising. On March II Opraf, charged with looking after passengers' in-terests, assured this column that it was impossible to take harsh action against Stagecoach under section 55 of the 1993 Railways Act. Three days later it threat-

ened precisely that.

Opral had a rather technical explanation for this apparent mismatch last night. One might speculate about a doubtful Public Accounts Committee report on rail privatisation published that week, or a wish to mend fences with Labour. Either way, it looks like too little, too late.

Split personality in Threadneedle Street

FORGET the gloss. After Barings, there is still no reason to think the Bank of England has changed its fatally ambiguous approach to bank regulation. As the Governor and deputy governor both insist, they regard failures as a healthy discipline for the banking system, to keep managers on their toes and force

PENNINGTON

decisions. So supervisors should not aim to forestall all bank failures. Rarely can such a culture of failure have been built in to a supervisor's brief.

In a variation on its usual postscandal inquiry, the Bank commissioned a jaw-droppingly expensive report from Arthur Andersen, the accountancy firm. It drew on the more bureaucratic US approach to supervision, but adapted it to London traditions.

Not enough, it seems, The new brand of banking supervision was unveiled last July, when the Bank accepted the Andersen report in principle. Pennington argued then that if the Bank really wanted to be an effective watchdog without being

gested and publish them for the benefit of the public.

Eight months on, the Bank has published a consultative document on its risk-based approach to supervision (code-named RATE in line with its obsession with unmernorable acronyms). The process it outlines and the tests it applies look comprehen-sive. Indeed, they look so com-prehensive that they could surely not be applied vigorously to 350 banks with the extra 100 people and 25 per cent rise in costs that

Andersen estimated.

The new tough, open image does not quite stand up. Not all banks will get the full treatment if deemed low-risk. To the system or to customers? Yes, the Bank will consider "during the prototyping stage" giving banks an overall numerical risk rating. What will these numerical ratings be used for? Not for help-

ing the public to make the informed choices that the Bank regards as incumbent upon them. Nor even for the eyes of the supervised banks themselves, but purely for internal purposes,

a nanny, it would give banks to work put how many bureau-credit ratings as Andersen sug-crats need to vet that bank. If crats need to vet that bank. If they are not trying to prevent it going bust, what is the point?

Stunted growth in Whitehall's depths

Scientists have discovered that some of the most unlikely parts of the world, such as the ocean abyss, teem with life. The weird and wonderful inhabitants have been there for millions of years, happily outside main-

stream evolution.

Equally strange and unknown creatures still prowl the corridors of Whitehall. Take the Commonwealth Development Corporation, for 50 years providing development finance and management expertise to what are described as "pre-emerging" markets, where even the most adrenaline-fuelled Western entreprenuers fear to tread. Unlike most aid organisations, CDC has to make a profit, aiming to produce an average annual return of 8 per cent on its

But this curious part state, part

market structure throws up anomalies. The British Government, flagship of global privatisation, controls the electricity industry in parts of the Caribbean and vast swathes of

the Zambian economy.

CDC has been restricted by strict Treasury limits on borrowing. Privatisation could resolve this, but it would also make development an indirect rather than direct goal. The corporation can take a long-term view that would not play well on the markets. There is also the credibility of a state-owned investor in countries which have often not had the happiest

experience of foreign investment. CDC has a natural exit point, once the work can be done by banks and emerging market funds. Until then, its success would best be rewarded by a loosening of ties on borrowing.

Tempting offer

□JEAN PEYRELEVADE, establishment boss of Credit Lyonnais, threatens to resign unless his bank is allowed a third huge state subsidy but not required to sell any assets it picked up round the world, without commercial restraint, in the cause of French empire-building. What better test of the EU's vetting? Only if M Peyrelevade resigns will the

MMC puts decisions on hold

lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday said he expects to take no decisions on whether or not to refer merger cases to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission after the dissolution of Parliament on April 8, "except in a few cases where statutory deadlines are involved".

Mr Lang said he does not intend to take any decisions on the three MMC merger reports due to be delivered to him before the general election on May I, nor on any further advice he may receive from the Director General of Fair Trading on the proposed alliance between British Airways

and American Airlines
No MMC merger reports received by Mr Lang are expected to be published before the general election, he added.

Heal's bonus

Shares of Heal's, the London furnishing store, rose 17 per cent above their opening price in the first day of trading. At the close, the price was 205 2p, 30 2p up on the flotation price of 175p. Three Heal's directors, who paid £115,000 for a 50 per cent stake in the 1990 management buyout of the business from Storehouse, now have a stake worth more than 73 times their initial investment. This morning they raised more than £2 million between them from selling shares at 175p.

BTR disposal

BTR, the industrial conglomerate, has continued its disposal programme with the sale of HDA Forgings, one of its engineering businesses, to a management buyout team. HDA has net assets of about £17 million and generated revenue in the year to the end of December of £27 million.

Argent sells

Argent, the property group, has sold the free-hold of 30 Farringdon Street in London for £12.1 million. The property is let to BNB Resources until the year 2054 and has been bought by Pickering Prop-erties. The rental income from the property is £984,000 giving a net initial yield of 7.9 per cent.

Chinese first

Beijing Datang Power Generation, one of China's largest independent power producers, yesterday be-came the first Chinese company to become listed on the London Stock Exchange. The company raised more than \$387.4 million in a heavily oversubscribed issue.

Shaw trades

Shares in Arthur Shaw, the building materials group, began trading at Sp yesterday afer the share listing was restored from suspension. The suspension price was 9p. The listing was restored after publication of the group's accounts for the year to end March 1996.



Keith Orrell-Jones, left, and Lord Tugendhat, chairman, reported pre-tax profits of £298 million at Blue Circle - an underlying rise of 9 per cent

Blue Circle agrees £164m tag for Canadian cement group

BY PAUL DURMAN

BLUE CIRCLE Industries, the cement group, has tied up its acquisition in Canada of the St Marys Cement Corporation for a price of C\$365 million (£164 million).

Blue Circle will also assume the £30 million of net debt in St Marys, which has a big share of the cement and aggregates market in the Great Lakes and Ontario area. When the group announced its intent to buy St Marys in January, it was expected to pay up to £220 million. St Marys made pre-tax prof-

its of £22 million last year on sales of £183 million. It ended

genetic engineering company

that cloned Dolly the sheep.

yesterday announced a break-

through that it said improves

the chances of making drugs

in the milk of genetically-

The Scottish company's

American arm has produced

transgenic rabbits whose milk

contains salmon calcitonin,

which is used to treat osteopo-

rosis, the brittle bone disease.

was the first time it had been

able to make a so-called

The company said that this

altered animals.

1996 with net assets of £127 million. The company, previously privately owned, has two cement plants in Ontario, a grinding plant in Michigan. and 46 ready-mixed concrete

Keith Orrell-Jones, Blue Circle's chief executive, said he expected St Marys to improve Blue Circle's earnings this year, helped by the strong recovery in the Canadian economy. Blue Circle also announced pre-tax profits for 1996 of £298 million, an underlying increase of 9 per cent. Group sales grew from El.77

partner for the development of

AAT, its lead product and a

possible treatment for cystic

fibrosis, within the next 12 to 18

In its first full-year results

since joining the stock market last June. PPL reported a pre-

tax loss of £6.2 million (£1.4

Revenues almost haived to

£2.5 million, largely because of

loss of income from Bayer.

which pulled out of the AAT

million loss).

project last year.

Breakthrough at

PPL Therapeutics

BY PAUL DURMAN

PPL THERAPEUTICS, the amidated peptide in this way. genetic engineering company PPL said it hoped to find a

billion to £1.81 billion, Leaving aside the exceptional charge from 1995, this represents a 10 per cent improvement in earnings to 23.5p a share. Blue Circle intends to pay a final dividend of 9p on July I, increasing the total by 6 per cent to 13.25p a share.

The group expects its largest division, heavy building materials, to have a better year, helped by firmer prices in the UK and US. The markets for its heating and bathrooms businesses are uninspiring. but Blue Circle hopes to benefit from cost savings. Last

Gehe hopeful

of depot deal

GEHE, the German pharm-accutical wholesaler that won the bid battle for LJoyds

Chemists two months ago,

expects to fulfil its pledge to

sell the seven Lloyds depots

by mid-April (Sarah Cunn-

ingham writes). It agreed to

do so after its bid was put to

the Monopolies and Mergers

Gehe made 1996 pre-tax

profits, excluding exception-

als of DM406.9 million

(DM352 million). Earnings

were bolstered by inclusion

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only nine months of 1995.

Commission last year.

ing profits of £244 million from heavy building materi-als, up from £242 million. The UK arm was held back by weak demand, and profits fell 9 per cent to £59.4 million. Profits from the heating

division, which makes radiators and boilers, bounced back to E35 million (E17.1 million) on lower sales of £640 million. Mr Orreli-Jones said the division received a £20 million boost from cost savings. Blue Circle has spent £35 million of the £55 million provision made for restructuring the

year, Blue Circle made operat- business, and intends to make further improvements over the next two years.

The bathrooms division, which includes Armitage Shanks, made reduced profits of £24.6 million (£27 million), mainly because of problems in the Italian half of the business.

Blue Circle took a £9 million profit on the Bluewater Park currently the UK's biggest civil engineering project. Part freehold land.

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Profits building at **Travis Perkins**

By PAUL DURMAN

TRAVIS PERKINS, the builders' merchant, said the recovering housing market gave it hope for steadily improving results over the coming year.

Tony Travis, chairman, said the increased level of new house sales would encourage more building and, eventually, improvement work on existing houses. The group's like-for-like sales in the first two months of 1997 were only

£36.1 million to £38.3 million. Leaving aside the £1.5 million cost of BMSS, whose acquisition last year added 26 branches, underlying profits in 1996 rose 9 per cent.

Group sales were 5.5 per cent higher at £518.5 million, including E20.8 million from acquisitions. The company said demand remained subdued last year.

Travis intends to pay a final

dividend of 7p on May 19, modestly ahead, but prospects lifting the total payout 7.5 per were better. Travis Perkins reported ancent to 10p. Net earnings rose nual pre-tax profits up from

Waterford Wedgwood to raise stake



Richard Barnes, right, Waterford Wedgwood finance director, Brian Patterson, left, and Redmond O'Donoghue

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

the luxury gift group, confirmed that it is to significantly increase its stake in Rosenthal. the German porcelain-maker. after reporting a 24 rise in annual pre-tax profits to IrE35

million yesterday. In January Waterford Wedgwood paid IrE3 million for a 9 per cent stake in the moubled German company and yesterday said it has agreed to subunderwrite 87 per cent of Rosenthal's DM36 million

rights issue, due in April. Depending on the response of other shareholders. Waterford Wedgwood could be left with a maximum stake of 33.3 per cent

WATERFORD Wedgwood, or a minimum stake of 12.5 per cent. Last week Rosenthal reported annual operating losses of DM4.6 million on turnover of DM320 million.

The links between the two companies will be further strengthened when two senior managers at Waterford Wedgwood join the board of Rosencompany's chief executive is elected onto the board of the

crystal/china company.
At Waterford, where Redmond O'Donoghue is chief executive, sales of crystal increased 18 per cent on a likefor-like basis and operating profits were up to per cent to Ir£18 million. At Wedgwood. where Brian Patterson is chief executive, sales were up just under 5 per cent, while operating profits jumped 20 per cent to £22 million largely because of the growth of the Wedgwood brand and a reduction in manufacturing costs.

Tony O'Reilly. Waterford Wedgwood chairman, said the strategic alliance with the German company brought a new dimension to the group's range of products.

Earnings per share were up 18 per cent to 4p. A final dividend of l.lp, gives a total of 1.4p, up 17 per cent on 1995. It is payable on May 30.

Inchcape back on acquisition trail with Peru brand

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

INCHCAPE, the international trading group, is back on the acquisition trail after last year's clear-out of non-core

The company revealed yesterday that it had spent £24.6 million on buying a soft drink and a table water brand in Peru. It is also to open two further Coca-Cola bottling plants in Russia this year, making a total of four. Further investments and acquisitions are now likely in its bottling

and motor businesses. The sale last October of its Bain Hogg insurance and Testing Services businesses meant that pre-tax profits in the year to December 31 rose from £17.4 million to £107 million. Operating profit rose 5 per cent to £195 million, driven by a strong performance from its motoring division. Turnover was £6.26 billion compared to £6.3 bil-

Motors, which accounts for three quarters of group earnings, saw profits rise 29 per cent in 1996 to £126.6 million. Its import and distribution business saw a 66 per cent jump in profits to £93.8 million, helped by strong performances from Toyota, Chrysler and Ferrari. More favourable Japanese yen exchange rates boosted sales of Japanese cars. The car retailing business saw a 65 per cent drop in profits to E4.9 million largely because of a £4.7 million charge to cover the reduction of its number of Rover dealerships in the UK from 23 to eight.
In both retail and import-

ing, luxury cars did particuaccording to Philip Cushing.

the managing director.
Turnover rose sharply in bottling, but profits fell 37 per cent because of high start-up costs in Russia and a poorly performing Peruvian soft drinks market. It hopes to improve its productivity and market share in Peru this year.

Incheape's shares, which have been under pressure for the last month, bounced 13p to their forecasts for the current year upwards. Forecasts were lifted from below £170 million to between £175 million and E178 million.

Headline earnings per share were 17.2p compared with 14p a year earlier. A maintained final dividend of 6.3p, which is payable on July l, gives a full-year dividend of 10.5p (1**0**p).

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STOCK MARKET



Share prices fall further on US interest rise fears

GROWING pressure for a rise in American interest rates cast a shadow over the Square Mile, with share prices extending last week's sharp falls.

A hesitant start to trading on Wall Street ahead of today's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), which is expected to agree to a rise in US interest rates, only added to the gloom.

The FT-SE 100 index closed just a shade above its low for the day with a loss of 40.0 points at 4,214.8. That stretches the deficit for the past six working days to 206 points. with a total of 805 million shares traded by the close.

Once again there was heavy turnover in BAT Industries as the price rebounded 15p to 509p amid mounting speculation the group may soon be driven into demerging its financial services, including Allied Dunbar, Eagle Star and Farmers in the US.

Last week, Liggett Group, the smallest of America's tobacco companies, admitted that smoking caused cancer and was addictive. This came as a setback to the other tobacco companies currently fighting a large number of claims through the US courts. BAT, which is reported to have built up a large war chest to fight the tobacco claims, saw 14.48 million shares traded by

The heaviest traded blue chip was British Steel, where 30 million shares changed hands as the price dipped '2p to 16134p. Last week the group began talks with the workforce about further restructuring.

At Inchespe, better than expected profits news under the group's new management. led by Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, and Philip Cushing, chief executive, has steered it back on the recovery tack. This lifted the shares 13p to 26812p. Appleyard Group, a rival, was 5p cheaper at 60p after reporting a £9 million restructuring charge and cut-ting the dividend.

Shield Diagnostics enjoyed a revival in institutional support as the price jumped 40p to 690p. It came in response to a presentation to City brokers about prospects for its AFT ailments early on.

Brokers reported solid demand during first-time tradstore group, placed at 175p by

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Sir Colin Marshall, left, and Philip Cushing of Inchcape with the Chrysler Jeep Voyager. The shares rose 13p on good results

Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker. The price opened at 17712p before closing at its best of the day with a rise of 3012p at 20512p. There was also support for Helphire, the car leasing and vehicle repair specialist, after a placing by Williams de Broë; the broker, at 100p. After opening at 102'ap, the price touched 130'ap before closing

strong Princess Hotel chain lifted Lourho 312p to 14912p. Shares in ICI touched 68212p before settling at a new low of 690p, a loss on the day of 121ap. Brokers have continued downgrading their profit projections after a similar move Kleinwort Benson last

First-time dealings in Diagonal got off to a flying start

Rank ended a bumpy session 22p down at 418p as the group went ex a 12p net dividend and a large line of stock went through the market. Brokers reported an institutional seller of 3.25 million shares at 422p which helped to depress sentiment. By the close of business almost seven million shares had changed hands.

at 12612p, a premium of 2612p. Turnover reached 2.15 million

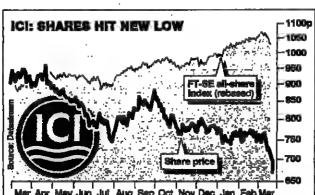
Speculative buying also saw Biocompatibles touch fil.02's before finishing 7'sp dearer at £10.8212. Positive news is expected soon on its cardiovascular treatment. News that Prince al-Walced.

of Saudi Arabia, was interested in buying six of the eight-

Commedities

after a placing by Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, at 275p. The information technology consultant and contract recruitment specialist touched a peak of 325p before settling at 310p, a premium of 35p. Chemical Design Hold-

ings, the software group specialising in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries, jumped 25p to 245p after



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week's newcomer, attempted

to claw back some of the losses

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Potential for cable

CABLE and Wireless Communications has the potential to reverse the sorry fortunes of the cable industry. On the financial front aione, the 25 milion merger of Mercury Communications and the Nynex. Bell Cable Media and Videorron cable companies

makes enormous sense. The cable companies losses more than offset Mercury's profits, ensuring that the new group will save some £100 million in corporate taxes over the next two years. Merging operations and the elimination of a couple of thousand jobs will add to the savings, as will the reduction in charges paid to British Telecom to connect calls to its network. Mercury and the cable companies, whose wires go straight into the home, will create a closed loop in many parts of the country. So, as the cable companies expand

their networks, the interconnection fees paid

to BT will continue to fall. On the operations front, it is a different

story. The sceptics argue with some conviction that Mercury, in effect, will act as the banker of last resort for the cable companies. which are only half way through a £12 billion capital expenditure programme. So far. this programme has produced thousands of miles of trenches and no profits. Fewer than one in five homes with access to the network buys cable IV services, while about one in three

takes cable-telephony.

Doubling these penetration levels is the main challenge, and without significant improvement, CWC could begin to look more like a marriage of weakness. CWC has great potential, but it could take two years before it shows up in revenues.

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By the early years of the

next decade Incheape should

have more than £250 million

invested in the business.

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provides part of the answer. Inchcape has an embryonic

Inchcape

ALMOST crucified by the strength of the ven in 1995. Incheape is beginning to come right. A weaker Japanese currency has given a boost to its Toyota franchise and new models aimed to please European markets will help it to regain lost market share. Meanwhile, Inchcape is well rid of Bain Hogg, the insurance broker, a sector too dependent on the vicious insurance cycle.

better margins from its motor business, although the retail side is still struggling and Inchcape's marketing operations are still producing a ridiculously low return on sales. The latter business in part explains why £5.5 billion n sales is valued by the mar-

ket at less than £1.5 billion. The low returns will improve, however and bottling

capable of producing more are highly attractive: up and than £70 million in profits. That prospect alone, should running, a bottling plant can generate a 31 per cent return improve the share rating. on net assets, and in Russia,

Coca-Cola bottling is a new

departure for Incheape, not

least because it is a capital

company will spend £80 mil-

lion in Russia this year

alone. However, the returns

Blue Circle

CEMENT is hardly the stuff to set pulses racing. but the market's reaction to figures yesterday from Blue Circle Industries still looks churlish.

Life is looking easier for the building materials group. After a dull year in the UK, cement prices are rising, and they remain strong in the US. The Malaysian obsession with tall buildings continues, and after increasing profits 37 per cent to £38 million last year, Malayan Cement has begun 1997 strongly.

The painful restructuring of the central heating business has already produced savings worth £26 million a year and Blue Circle Industries confidently sees scope for a further reduction of £5 million.

languished in weak markets in Britain and Italy. but even here Blue Circle Armitage Shanks brand in the Far East.

The £164 million purchase of St Marys Cement Corporation looks a good deal struck at a reasonable price.

The Canadian company has a quarter share of the market in Ontario, home to four out of ten Canadians, and made profits of £22 million last year. Blue Circle expects St Marys to produce an immediate-improvement in its earnings.

Blue Circle will get little

help from France, Germany and Italy this year, but it should still make steady

Newcastle United

WHEN Newcastle United played Chartion Athletic in the FA Cup earlier this season, a draw in London was tory in Newcastle.

WALL STREET

The gap between the clubs off the field is even wider. sees opportunities for the Charlton's float was a flop, but Newcastle shares should not suffer the same fate when trading begins a week on

Wednesday.

With 14,000 disappointed retail investors and about 50 insitutions unhappy shareless after yesterday's allocation, there is certain to be demand on day one. Likewise, the entire sector should not be consigned to the rubbish bin because of a few dodgy issues; Kwik Save is

not a reason to sell Tesco. However, the prospects for Newcastle shares are less than rosy. The club will have to raise £100 million to fund the building of its new stadium and the redevelopment of St James Park, Shareholders are bound to be asked to fund a large chunk; the prospect of a rights issue in a year's time will choke off excess demand.

Newcastle fans will ensure that the shares go to a premium, but they are not cheap and it is pointless to chase

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Cherries picked for video aid

A LOCAL film company

has come to the rescue of

AFC Bournemouth. In an effort to save the 98-yearold club that fell into receivership earlier this year, Feature Films, of Poole, has compiled a tearjerking video. Made in four weeks, with a budget of £31,000, the video features interviews with players past and present, including Jamie Redknapp, now Liverpool, and his father Harry, a former club manager now in the hot seat at West Ham. It is hoped that Pick of the Cherries - Keeping the Dream Alive, priced at £14.95 a copy, will raise about £100,000 for the club that is £4.5 million in debt not to incition club

Food for thought

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THROUGHOUT his ten years at incheape, Rod O'Donoghue the outgoing finance director, has been demanding that bacon butties be circulated before the start of the group's annual results meeting. So, in time for his last onstage appearance yester-day, before O'Donoghue heads off to become a fulltime author, the corporate affairs terms pulled out all the stops and delivered him his fill.

Clarke's new role FOLLOWING in the

feather weight abouteps of Lord Lawson of Blaby, Kenneth Clarke is turning to the movies. Hie Chan-cellor will made a cameo appearance in a new insurance training film pro-Stanleys, the Gity law fain. Taking the part of the foreman of the jury. Clarke goes head to head with David Hong MP, the former Cabinet minister, who makes a supplementation of the partner as the judge Hong Cherry, a partner at Beacheroft Stanley, stale the show in the role of a manish. in the role of a roguish



We are still Magpie fans - it's just that we

couldn't get shares" **Emergency exit**

DAVID PACEY is feeling shaken and stirred after he kicked a £600 bole in his Aston Martin. The head of Clockwork Leasing, a Soho film and TV equipment company, was hurrying to a meeting when he jumped into his £80,000 car, only to hear a repeated clicking each time he turned the key. Realising the battery was dead and the doors were locked electronically, Paccy panicked and kicked out the passenger window. There I was trapped in my car and the adrenalin took over," he said. "I lifted myself outlike Batman or the Dukes of Hazard." Yes, but they don't have an emergency button under the dashboard that unlocks the doors automatically.

THE Duke of York will be the first Royal to attend the Yorkshire Business Conference, now in its third year. Alongside speakers FW de Clerk, Robert Kennedy Jr. and Rory Bremner, he will present a new award to recognise the organisation or individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of Yorkshire's international commercial reputation.

Executives keen to deal with nuts and bolts of the euro

Business is pragmatic on

the single

currency, says Philip Bassett

n the City splendour of the Tallow Chandlers' Hall tonight, Howard Davies, deputy governor

of the Bank of England, will set out the financial establishment's view of the single currency: a careful, considered analysis of the pros and cons of in or out - though without making any judgment about what the economically correct course of action for Britain

In the staff restaurant of BOC's gas research division in a business park behind a hospital in Guildford, Surrey, the splendour is a little more muted. While the worthy denizens of the Management Consultancies' Association wrestle with the big economic and political questions raised by economic and monetary union in the City tonight, at BOC in Guildford, a small roomful of businessmen and women has been wrestling with the component but perhaps more important issue of the single currency

and how it will work. Mr Davies's private speech to a closed gathering in the City comes on the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome, which led to the formation of what is now known as the European Union. At BOC's Surrey-Research Park premises, the historical aspects of the single currency took second place to the practical.

Will the ecu still be calculated, once EMU starts, if the UK stays out?" asks Michael Spelman, from the BOC group. Such questions - the enswer he gets, by the way, is no: the ecu will disappear once the euro comes into existence - are a long way from the high politics of the single currency. But for much of British business; they are what matters. Political and economic leaders can battle about such big is increasi realising that whatever the UK p big decision about EMU, it is business that will have to

get on with it. Yesterday's report from the 100 Group of finance directors of Britain's largest companies suggested that British industry is as yet ill-prepared for the single currency. To try to counter that, the Bank of England, with the Confederation of British Industry and the British Chambers of Commerce, are running a series of local seminars with the specific brief of avoiding EMU's big political questions and concentrating instead on offering detailed advice to businesses about what to do in the 450

business days before it starts. Guildford is the latest. Near the constituency of the single currency's main Conservative opponent, John Redwood, who yesterday cancelled the launch planned for tomorrow of his

PLANNED TIMETABLE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE EURO

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Dublin Summit Conversion reports Stability pact, ERM 2, Regulations on the euro

Regulatory, organisational and logistical framework Year for which convergence data for ESCS to be published by EMI

Operational decisions by ECB Testing of systems

rrevocable locking of conversion rates; euro becomes a currency in its own right; Single monetary policy commences; ECB operations and new issues of government debt all dominated in euro; wholesale financial activity expected to move rapidly to euro denomination

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the single currency seminar was equally rock solid against

the Government's wait-and-sec

in an evening meeting last

week, 45 businessmen and

women - nine women in total,

the rest then in safe Surrey

business suits - listened to a

gaggle of business economists

ten-minute speech, all around

the same theme. The single

currency is coming. Never

mind the politics. It's coming.

So do something about it:

review your practices, review

your contracts, review your

computer systems. Review

them all, and change them:

because business across Eur-

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you don't want to lose out, you

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To help, the Bank has pre

pared a neat practical guide to

the euro - when it will happen.

what it will look like, how it will

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Yours faithfully.

TRISH WYLIE,

Bridport, Dorset.

Flat 3, 53 East Street.

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book attacking EMU, Guildford is rock-solid Tory - and and helpfully replies: "Yes, but

you'll need a calculator."

While this may sound silly, in practice it isn't. There are now rules in place, for instance, specifying that euro conversions must be done to six "sig-nificant" decimal places. To Conservative Euro-sceptics, this is the worst sort of pettifogging from Brussels. To businesses who might otherwise money if such rules are not in place, such precision is vital.

The Guildford meeting is an eclectic combination of companies from across the South of England, large and small: IBM and Mars, Toshiba and TI, Barclays and Seeboard. But John Moore Associates, and Linde Hydraulics too. Martin Charman, from international Factors, for instance, wants to know whether the single currency will be "compulsory" whether small firms will have to trade in it, just because larger firms will. (They will.) Mike Wilson, from Thomas De La Rue, wonders whether company accounts will have to be denominated in euros (for financial years starting from

"around the beginning" of

2002, they will; the Bank can't

Never mind Euro-sceptics

yet be more precise).

philes like Unilever's Niall Fitzgerald. In Guildford, there is no question about who the villains of the single currency are, at least so far: IT companies. Firm after firm stands up and complains that IT is letting them down -- especially external software houses, which despite their glossy image, are seen as under-JURCEO BINO OVERTEIN one or two young, gifted but overstretched technicians.

like John Redwood, or Euro-

Already wrestling with the millennium computer problem, when many computers are expected to fail to recognise the year 2000, IT firms are seen as both vital in preparing for a single currency, and largely either incapable or unready to do so. Glenn Davies, of Credit Lyonnais, tells the Guildford meeting: "The IT industry has not grasped that the single currency is going to happen. They keep asking — is it going to happen? Well, yes, it is."

Eventually, Greg Hawes, a consultant for IBM, has to stand up to defend the IT corner, acknowledging that it is a "basic truism that II professionals find it easier to deal with preparing for a situation when they know what the rules are going to be. The resource problems" of dealing with the computer reprogramming for a single currency are "not just daunting", he said, "they are positively frightening." Fright-ening the pre-EMU problems for business may be, but the clear evidence of the Guildford meeting is that business is coming to know that it will have to get on with them.

The EMU timetable provides for a period of dual legal tender, for instance, between euros and national currencies. Clive Robinson, a project manager in the IT section of Commercial Union, said: We are praying it won't be a long dual currency operation. Because that's going to cost us an arm and a leg." The evening's panel of experts can't unfortunately offer much comfort for his potential amputation.

an Harrison, of Court-aukls, provided probably the most cogent business view of the evening. Courtaulds, he said, had been thinking hard about the single currency, and had identified a number of key issues. The IT problems were sharp, but resolvable, as were the legal and treasury issues, which the professionals could handle.

The bigger problems were of strategy and operation. With 25 subsidiaries operating in a range of European countries, the opportunities offered by EMU for coherance and coordination were clear, but the scale of change necessary to achieve them was large. And the strategic questions were significant: would a company like Courtaulds, operating in so many countries, now be disadvantaged for instance against

those operating in only one? Even such large problems, though, carefully eschewed the political dimension. But it couldn't be avoided completely. Roy Hitchens, chairman of the CBI's South East region and chief executive of Staveley Industries, took a vote - and the results showed business in Guildford at least to be, on wholly pragmatic grounds, out of step with the Government's

policy on EMU. Asked whether the single currency will start as planned on January 1, 1999, the local business leaders were unequivocal: only three did not think it would: 93 per cent thought it would be in by, say, the end of the current timetable, in 2002, and they were if anything Britain would not; 96 per cent thought it would.

Such a sample can be dismissed, especially from the vantage point of high politics or City gatherings, as unrepresentative. But the practical judgments are not so easily discounted. As Mr Harrison put it: "It seems to us that if we have got to do it, then we might as well get it over with." And what will that mean in practice? "We will do it from April 1, 1999."



Little need to panic on pay

The financial markets are betting that the US Federal Reserve will finally launch its preemptive strike against inflation today. The message from Alan Greenspan, Fed Chairman, was pretty clear last week when he emphasised the need to act before inflationary pressures are obvious.

The economic ground and the debate about interest rates is very similar in America and Brisain. Although producer and retail prices remain subdued, there is fear that tightening labour markets as anemployment falls will inevitably push up wages. In Britain there was a

mini-panic after last week's news that annual growth in average earnings had risen to 5 per cent in January, a rise of a full percentage point over the space of three months. Although statisticians put this down largely to bonus payments in services, perticularly financial services, this has been a considerable increase. In America, too, earnings have marted to lift.

On the other hand, unit labour costs have been subdued in both countries, courtesy of big productivity gains. Wage rises paid for by increased productivity are, by definition, not infla-tionary. In Britain, while carnings growth has started to creep steadily upwards, manufacturing unit wage costs have fallen sharply with the three-month annual rate falling to 3.1 per cent in January, the lowest rate since August 1995.

growth has been weak given buge falls in unemployment to well below levels regarded in the past as compatible with non-accelerating has widely been attributed to flexible labour markets. But even injecting a frightening dose of job insecurity into the equation, it is naive to suggest that there will never be a demand for higher wages. After all, they are the reward for success, whether at the level of the

In both countries wages

company or the economy. Naturally, as the pool of available spare labour becomes scarcer as anemployment falls, the balance of power between employer and employee shifts. Joseph

Grenfell provides some illu-America. In 1994, when the Fed launched an aggressive pre-emptive strike against inflation, wage growth was slow despite fast job and economic growth. Mr Carson suggests that this is in several industries and labour was fighting to secure jobs, not win pay rises. But having won job sec-

unity three years ago. American workers are now looking for big wage gains. The Big Three car manufacturers agreed a deal which gave workers a 4 to 5 per cent gain in wages and benefits over a three-year period, a big improvement on the previous contract. Competition for staff in the airline industry has forced un wage agreements. After United Airlines gave its pilots and mechanics a 5 per cent pay rise for two years, American Airlines had to raise its own pay offer.

And, in a warning to some of Britain's fat cats, Mr Carson notes that, in 1994, General Electric workers had to make concessions on pay and conditions despite record sales and profits.

ut, seeing their chief Bexecutive earn \$30 million last year, he suggests that GE workers are in the mood to demand big pay rises this year.

In Britain, pressure may come from a different source. As David Walton of Goldman Sachs points out. average earnings growth in the private sector has recently been running as a subject 5.5 per cent compared with been running at around only 3 per cent in the public sector. Whoever wins the election might find that the patience of public sector

Flexible labour markets have no doubt improved the inflationary performance of the American and British economies given a specified level have not banished wage pressures entirely and why should they in successful economies? But there is little need to panic. Interest rates will rise in America and Britain because their economies are growing strongly. But, courtesy of flexibility, the monetary tightening will be no more than some sensible fine-tuning.

A PUBLISHESS LETTERS

asks:

From Ms Trish Wylie Sir, I would like to draw attention to an injustice being perpetrated by building societies undergoing conversion to PLC, against members under

the age of 18. Members under 18 will not receive shares because of the building society's conversion policy, but instead a cash bonus of 10 per cent of the balance in their accounts. which, in the majority of cases would mean far less than the estimated value of shares -£750 - being given to members over 18.

In reply to a letter from myself questioning their policy, the following statement was made by the Woolwich Building Society: "In framing the terms of the proposed Share Distribution Scheme, the board has chosen to align eligibility for free shares to voting entitlement. The Building Societies Act 1986 and the Society's Rules provide that, in order to vote at a General Meeting of the Society, a

member must be at least 18." However, these two points are not connected. The board is entitled to treat minors equally and have chosen to exclude them and therefore effectively stolen money from members not entitled to vote. I think this outrageous for

several reasons: □ Disqualifying members with accounts that would otherwise qualify purely because of their age appears to be

ageism in reverse. Morag Preston These young people have to some others who gave

Converting societies unfair to minors Bonuses should reflect wealth creation

From Mr Jonathan Wheatley no voice as they are excluded from voting, and so are easy prey for a decision like this.

I This policy goes against the ethos which building soci-Sir, As a shareholder and an account-holder for many years I have watched the emergence of NatWest's. "Hole in the bank" with considerable interest. Is it not the case that profitmaking, and is being superseded by a philosophy salaries and associated bonuses fall within the jurisdiction of a committee of members of

the company's board? Is it not also the case that the award of any bonus whatsoever is indicative of a performance which has added rather than impaired the performance of the executive's area of responsibility? If the answer to these simple questions is "Yes" then the chief executive of NatWest Markets is in no position to gratuitously announce that he will only retain £300,000 as his 1996 bonus and there must be

serious doubts as to whether the salaries committee of the company should feel entitled to make any bonus award to him whatsoever.

It may be argued that the complex derivative markets such as futures, options and swaps actually contribute very little to the creation of real wealth but are merely instruments by which manipulation and manoeuvre of currencies inevitably yield gains for some and losses for others - but margins for the ringmasters. Rewards should therefore relate to the creation of wealth rather than the mere movement of liquid resources. Yours faithfully,

JONATHAN WHEATLEY. 11 Saxonbury Gardens, Long Ditton.

Barings whistleblower must be wishing he kept whistle in his pocket

evidence. One can only con-

From Mr Ted Higgins Sir. As a Barings preference shareholder who attended the meetings, I am puzzled and

most credible witness to

appear before the committee.

He showed a willingness to

answer questions and accept

his part in the Baring debacle.

which was in marked contrast

Treasury Select Committee dismayed at the comparative severity of the penalty imposed by the Securities and Futures Authority on Mr Ian Hopkins ("SFA bans Hopkins blow the whistle loudly enough. Perhaps no one wantas director", March 12). ed to hear the message. Given Mr Hopkins was by far the

clude that his treatment at the hands of the Securities and Futures Authority owed more to his attitude to that body than his original offence. The chairman of the Securities and Futures Authority says that Mr Hopkins didn't

the size of recently reported City bonuses. Mr Hopkins must be wishing he had kept his whistle in his pocket and simply jumped back on the gravy train at the first available opportunity. Yours faithfully, TED HIGGINS 6 Brayton Gardens, Enfield,

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Olympic stadium fails to win gold

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

AN AMBITIOUS A\$365 million (about £183 million) public share offer to raise money to build the stadium for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games looked set to fail yesterday, with at least two-thirds of the 34,400 gold memberships available still

Stadium Australia, a consortium that includes Multiplex. the Australian construction group, and Obayashi Corporation, a Japanese contracting giant, hoped private and corporate investors would leap at the chance to buy one of its gold packages for A\$10,000.

These guarantee each investor a seat to all Olympic events held in the stadium, including the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as 1,000 units in an investment trust stapled to shares in Stadium Australia Management, to be floated on the Australian stock exchange later this year.

Membership also entitled investors to stadium club membership for 30 years from 1999, free entry to most sporting events after the Olympics and access to an exclusive lounge and dining area.

Potential investors, how ever, thought differently and Macquarie Bank, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, ANZ Securities and ABN Amro, the four joint underwriters to the offer. now look likely to be left with unsold worth about A\$240 million when the offer closes on Thursday. Critics blamed the timing and complexity of the offer.

This is despite an attempt by by Stadium Australia to boost demand by widening the offer to corporate players overseas and extending the offer deadline by three months.

The A\$615 million stadlum at Homebush Bay, about 12km from the centre of Sydney, is expected to be completed in March 1999.

Chemicals group defies Europe malaise to top £100m

Morgan Crucible confident despite difficult market

By Martin Barrow

MORGAN CRUCIBLE, the specialised industrial chemicals and services group, said demand is strengthening, with order intake running almost 7 per cent ahead of last year. despite mixed trading conditions, particularly in mainland Europe.

Bruce Farmer, managing director, said: "Market conditions are not easy but we are not dependent on a single economy or industry and look forward to another good

Yesterday the company reported a near-18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £100.2 million in 1996. Operating profits from continuing opera-tions rose 12.2 per cent to £112.2 million, with a £7 million contribution from acquisitions. Operating margins improved to 12.7 per cent from

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BRAMMER, the European

industrial services group, raised pre-tax profits by 31 per cent, to £28.2 million, in the

year to December 31 on sales

up 12 per cent, to £205 million. The shares responded with a

5p rise, to 621p.
The total dividend for the

year rises from 14.25p to 16p.

out of earnings up from 31.5p

said: "In the first two months

of 1997, our results were ahead

of those for the same period

last year. However, we are

finding market conditions more difficult than a year ago.

In the UK, industrial activity

is less buoyant than the econo-

my as a whole and in main-

land Europe, particularly in

France and Germany, econo-

mies are suffering as their

Lang, chairman,

to 40.7p. Hugh

12 per cent. Turnover was 6 per cent higher at £897.5 million, with acquisitions accounting for £32 million. Redundancy and reorganisation costs were £4.2 million, compared with £4.1 million previously.

The company said South-East Asia and North America showed the strongest growth. although the US was restricted by disputes in the automofive industry and downturns in parts of the electronics and

Conditions in the UK were mixed. Mainland Europe suffered from lack of economic recovery in Germany and France and, in the fourth quarter, Italy underwent a severe downturn. The Asia Pacific region

showed steady, continuous growth, with the exception of

Lang: tougher market

EMU convergence criteria."

again planning for growth, although at a lower rate than in

the past three years. Full-year

contributions from last year's

acquisitions would aid results.

ernments strive to meet the

He said that Brammer was

Brammer lifts

its profits 31%

Japan and Australia. Net capital expenditure was 154.7 million, an increase of 14.4 per cent on the previous year. Dr Farmer said: "The in-

vestments we have made over recent years in broadening Morgan Crucible's product portfolio within its core divisions, together with the widening of its geographical base. are producing good results for

Capital expenditure is exected to be around £50 million in the current year Expenditure on research and development is expected to be little changed from £13.7 million last year.

Underlying earnings rose 13 per cent to 28.7p a share. The full-year dividend is increased to 14.00 a share from 13.8p. with an Sp final. The shares



Graham Swetman, left, finance director, and Bruce Farmer

Appleyard dividend faces cut

By OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES in Appleyard fell 5p to 60p after the vehicle distributor said that on April 14 it expects to announce pre-tax profits of £3.2 million for 1996, down from £7.8 million in the previous year, and that the otal dividend for the year would be cut to 4.7p from 6.2p in 1995.

Appleyard also said it had

decided to split the roles of chairman and chief executive. Mike Williamson. current group chairman and chief executive, will relinquish all executive duties on December 31 and become non-executive chairman, The company said it is at an advanced stage in the appointment of a new chief

Copper price fall hits Antofagasta

By CARL MORTISHED

creased mining activity in the THE falling price of copperhas hurt the profits of Antofagasta Holdings, which has extensive mining and trans-

port interests in Chile. Copper production rose from \$4,000 tunnes to 92,500 tonnes. However, a 22 per cent fall in the price of the metal. after the Sumitomo copper trading scandal, has more than halved Antofagasta's turning the Los Pelambres

mining profits. company's pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 fell from £78.2 million to £44.6 million in spite of record tonnages carried by the company's rail link from Chile to Bolivia, because of increased copper production. Profits from the railway increased from £5.7 million to £7.2 million and tonnages are

Atacama desert. Antofagasta sold its banking interests to Quinenca in exchange for a 39 per cent

stake in the Chilean industrial group controlled by the Luksic family and headed by Andronico Luksic, who also chairs Antofagasta. The mining division faces big expansion, with plans for

underground mine to an opencast operation. Two Japanese consortia have agreed to take a 40 per cent equity stake in the project and have signed longterm contracts for 400,000 tonnes of the 740,000 tonnes of copper concentrate output. Antofagasta is maintaining

the dividend at 6.5p, after earnings per share of 19.3p

MRM loss mars year for Taylor Nelson

TAYLOR NELSON AGB, the market research company suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £5 million from £6.5 million in 1996. The results were affected by a £1.5 million. trading loss at MRM Distributions, which has since been sold, giving rise to a £2.5 million charge. Continuing operations lifted pre-tax profits 19 per cent to £9 million charge. turnover that improved 12 per cent to £84.2 million.

Dr John Treasure, chairman, said the core business performed strongly, with substantial improvement in the consumer, healthcare and media divisions. Cash generation was strong. A final dividend of 0.41p a share lifts the total to 0.8p (0.7p). Earnings fell to I.18p a share from 2.02p. Are encouraging start had been made to the current year, he said.

Burford joint venture

BURFORD HOLDINGS, the property group, has entered a conditional joint venture agreement with Ian Schrager, the American hotelier, to create a chain of hotels throughout. Europe. Burford shares rose 1½p to 133½p. The property group said both parties will be investing equally in the new group said to this stage, Burford said, the joint venture is germarking an investment of about Eloo million in the development of the European basel business. development of the European hotel business.

Jacobs payout rises

JACOBS HOLDINGS, the shipping, transport and property group that made a recommended bid for Ropner last month, raised pre-tax profits for 1996 to £3 million from £196,000 in the previous year on sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earnings per share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the research of the sales are share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the research of the sales are sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earning per share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earning per share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earning per share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earning per share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earning per share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earning per share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earning per share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earning per share rose from 1.9p to 3.4p. leaving total dividends for the sales up 81 per cent to £41.7 million in Earning per cent to £41.7 million in £41.7 million in £41.7 million in £41.7 million in £41.7 dividends for the year up 50 per cent to 1.875p. Sir Wilfrid Newton, chairman, said the company viewed the coming year with enthusiasm and considerable confidence.

Tullow at the double

TULLOW OIL, the Irish exploration company, with operations in Africa, India, Pakistan as well as the UK. yesterday reported a 97 per cent increase in annual pre-fax profits to Ir£2.3 million. The company estimates reserves in its core areas at not less than 65 million barrels of oil equivalent. Turnover for 1996 was up 11 per cent to 1r£5.87 million, while earnings per share were up to 1r1.07p from 1r0.66p in 1995. There is again no dividend.

Nestor-BNA wins deal

NESTOR-BNA, the supplier of temporary medical personnel and domiciliary care workers, has won contracts with St Mary's in London, North Manchester and Southend Health Care NHS trusts that are expected to generate more than £8 million turnover in the first year. There was a pre-tax loss of £2.02 million for 1996 after a £9.6 million charge. Profits were: E6.3 million in the previous year. The total dividend rises to 3.47p a share from 3.15p, with a 2.2p final.

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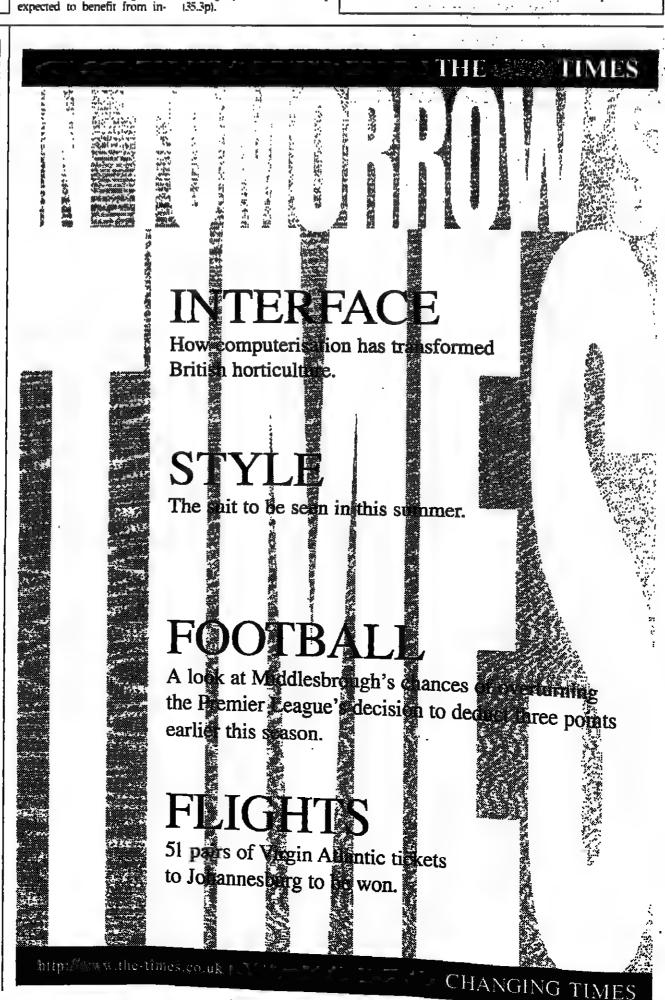
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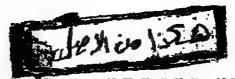
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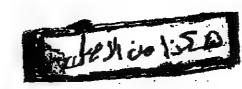
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little enough of Mahler these days, and when we do have some, and the wonderful C Minor, the Resurrection to boot, we find that the experts have ignored it - or at least I can find not a single review. Damn it, Mahler was an outcast for much of his life, and now he is dead there is nobody but the audience to tell the world of his greatness. But the audience at the Festival Hall on March II made up for everything - at the end I thought the roof would cave in. (The conductor was Benjamin Zander, the soprano Nancy Argenta, the mezzo-soprano Jean Rigby, the Philharmonia was the orchestra and the chorus was the Philharmonia

6 Glory. Mahler was one of the most re-That is markabie musicians ever born far stranger than the only Bruckner and in-deed Wagner. To start with, those word for giants must have what we thought the Vien-nese had a lunatic heard 9 among them, and Hans von Bülow

(who had greatly admired Mahler's conducting) said of Mahler's works that they made him sick. (Many might have had the same feeling when they discovered that the Second Symphony

was written by a man of 27.) Yet the baby madman, reviled by the critics ("noise", "bombast", "cacophony"), held on to his belief — the belief that one day the world would understand. Already, there were those at the premiere who wept, and today, when the greatness of Mahler and his Second Symphony is known to all, there were many in the Festival Hall whose eyes of them.

Glory. That is the only word for what we heard. Those who were not there (Festival Hall was packed from side to side). lost a jewel, and a jewel that we would never forget. The shape of the Second Symphony looks slightly askew: "Allegro maestoso, Andante moderato, Scherzo, Urlicht, and Finale", but Mahler knew what he was about, and the sections fitted like Heaven's

greatest jig-saw. Glory, I say, and glory I mean. This work is called by the composer Resurrection, and that is what he meant. He made it clear - oh, very clear indeed, when he wrote: The earth quakes, the graves burst open, the dead arise ... The great and the little ones of earth — kings, and beggars, righteous and godless ... The Last Trump is heard - the trumpets of the Apocalypse ring out ... You shall arise ... A wondrous, soft light penetrates to the heart ... And behold - it is no judgment there are no sinners, no just. None is great, none is small. There is no punishment and no reward. An overwhelming love lightens our being. We

know and are." And that was not a part of the work; it was a letter written to explain the work. (Though surely it needs no explanation.

or anything else.)
Mahler wrote his own texts: well, that was obvious - as obvious as saying that he wrote his own music. It is not Shakespeare, but it has a

power and a won-derful gentleness both together. And that comes, of course, from Mahler's deep and profound honesty. There was nothing but the truth, and there is not a word that does not come from the heart and deep in the heart as well.

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another moment a tiny one, though touching --in which Mahler's power could be felt. In the programme, the English text was put beside the German one, and the first part of the text of Urlicht ended at the bottom of the page. There was a gentle reminder to the audience not to rustle the programme, and we did not. In these cases there is invariably someone who cannot help coughing. But this time there was such a profound and full silenerus I have never heard in all my 40 years of music-going. Why? Because what had gone before was so powerful that all noise stopped

So where were the critics after so stupendous a work, where were they on so stupendous an evening? Tut, but there is more than tut to say. We can forget the critics and indeed forgive them. But we, the audience, came out with our eyes blazing, and when the critics pulled themselves together and woke up, they realised that they had missed one of the most glorious evenings of music we had had.

Serve the others right. I must end with those words of Mahler, those words which speak to Heaven and are spoken from Heaven. The last words of the Second Symphony of Mahler, the Resurrection: "Die I shall, so as to live! Rise again you will my heart. in a tricel What you have beaten will carry you to God."





Seamus Heaney, left, and Ted Hughes say that if The Rattle Bag was the playground in a school of poetry, The School Bag is a complementary anthology for the classroom in that school

Bags of wobble and flop

Heaney are together again. That is the news from the literary world. A few years ago they co-operated to bring out a very successful anthology of poetry called *The Rattle Bag.* Now they have produced another poetry anthology, The School Bag, and they will both be on the stage reading from it at a forum in London on April

What prompted them to do the new book? Heaney says that while The Rattle Bag was meant to be a "carnival of poetry". The School Bag is more like a checklist. They wanted to do something which would cover ground that they more or less took for granted when they did the first book Caedmon to the age of Auden, taking in the canonical names, roaming to

America and Australia". The other motivation for him, he says, was "the sense of restoration and confirmation you get from going through the word-hoard at this stage of life. I really enjoyed revisiting the first sites of my own reading, that whole memory bank of stuff that sustains your taste and your conviction. It was great to reopen that ground, and especially to do so with Ted."

Ted Hughes and Seamus Heaney reveal what prompted them to compile a new poetry anthology, The School Bag

Hughes agrees: "We always thought of The Rattle Bag as an anthology for young readers - or at least for those young in heart. As if we'd imagined ourselves back to 13 or 14, then picked our secret favourites from all we now know. Thinking of a school of poetry, The Rattle Bag is the playground — and that made us wonder about a complementary anthology, one for the classroom in that

same school of poetry." One feature of the new book is that each poet is represented by only one poem, or passage of poetry. Why did they decide on that?

Hughes says it was a levelling device. "The emperors have, to some extent, been stripped of the grand robes of their richly supportive other works. Each stands just as naked as the many other poets who have produced only one masterpiece. We found this made us look at them all with fresh eyes. We want readers to do the same."

"We wanted people to see the gleam of the hoard rather than wanting to give them an inventory of the entire holdings," Heaney adds.

Also, he says, "Christopher Reid, who was on the ball as our editor at Faber, came up with an idea of the book as a kind of flow-chart, each poem being somehow in dialogue with those around it.

"Wordsworth's Resolution and Independence, for example, which is really a poem about the leechgatherer as Doppelgänger, is now situated between an extraordinary Dafyd ap Gwylm poem called The Shadow and Wilfred Owen's Strange Meeting, and this gives an extra dimension to your reading of all three

Although the book does not say so arrywhere, The School Bag only goes up to poets who were, as Hughes puts it, "of combat age or came of age during the Second World War". Why did they choose that cut-off point? "To my ear." Heaney says, "the title The School Bag suggests a book con-cerned with cultural memory rather than the contemporary scene."

"Some of the most interesting poems in the book were written by that last generation about that war," Hughes says. "One can see now, I think, that they feit themselves to be full inheritors of the First World War, and of their national history before that. For the generation that fol-lowed, the world seemed to fall open in a new way." It was "a distinct and convenient watershed between the

ne poet who appears in the anthology has for long been considered a joke by poetry lovers - the rollicking Victorian, William McGonagall. But his poem *The Tay Bridge* Disaster is there, and both of the editors defend the decision to include it. Hughes is elegment about it: "Marianne Moore is the most fastidious, most excruciatingly careful, exacting and sophisticated wild poet of this century. Ogden Nash is unfailingly one of the funniest. Stevie Smith plays her naive part with demonic intelligence and a perfect

"Behind all these, at some oblique angle or other, is McGonagall. How is it that his every flung away line gives you such a lift? But it does. Such a draught of liberation. Don't dismiss McGonagall."

The wobble and flop McGonagall is the signature of his genius," Heaney observes.

There are many translations from Irish, Weish and Scots Gaelic in the book, and both editors regard this as essential to the whole idea of the anthology. They wanted to present the entire family tree of our poetry, and, Hearrey says, "there was never any doubt in our minds that the roots of this tree are largely made up of the early poetic literatures of Ireland, Scotland and Wales, along with the Anglo-Saxon":

Both editors also firmly believe in the value and pleasure of memorising poetry. In the book itself, membering a poem - invent a vivid image to associate with each line, and if those are conjured up, the lines will corne back too.

Heaney says that "memorised poetry stays with you all your days as a kind of mental fossil fuel. You tap into a cable that hums with all the energies and veteran knowledge of human language at its surest and

• For more information and details of how to book tickets for the forum, see

LLOYD NEWSON is one angry choreographer, and this time round his anger is apparently directed at classical ballet. The dancers of his DV8 company are not beautiful embodiments of comfortable aesthetic clichés, but raw, aggressively honed weapons in Newson's personal crusade against empty-headed decoration on the dance stage.

His latest production, Bound To Please, which re-ceived its British premiere at the Arts Theatre in Cambridge last week, jumps between themes — youth versus age: conformity versus individual expression; the hypocrisy of social etiquette versus the honesty of painful confrontation. But, in Newson's eyes, ballet - or at least the prettier forms of dance - represents the downside to every one of

Ian MacNeil's set is a brilliant and adaptable forum for the physical realisation of Newson's ideological premise. It glides and rotates, and seamlessly shifts from ballet studio to block of flats, from intimate bedrooms to noisy

No mistaking this message clubs. The excellent lighting, by Jack Thompson, is also a

vital component in a most effective theatrical staging. individual performers (they would have to be, given Newson's hatred of dancing automatons), none more so than the 68-year-old Diana Payne-Myers, the unlikely star of this show. The first image you see is of her fluttering through a lovely port de bras, circling the stage like a miniature ballerina on a music box. The contrast between the sugar-coated delica-cy of the familiar figurine and

sexagenarian is not lost. Again and again Payne-Myers is the ballast of Newson's argument, most poignantly in an extraordinary

Bound To Please

Cambridge .

The dancers are all highly Arts Theatre, eloquent hand gestures are used to create an intense erotic frisson between the older woman and the much younger man. Their subsequent scenes together become more overt, until finally - in open defi-ance of ballet's need for both

youth and physical perfection - Payne-Myers's naked body the bitter spice of the real-life is seen in a doorway, clinched in a heated embrace with Steel. The intimacy of such hard-hitting moments is set against the impersonal group duet with Liam Steel in which grope of the party scenes, but

and far less convincing, only exacerbating the lack of coherence in Newson's scenario. Classical ballet, with its

these are far less revealing

rigorous pursuit of uniformity and the ideal image, is the perfect metaphor for conformity and the scene in which Wendy Houstoun fights a rebellious battle against the unbending rules of the ballet class brings a much-needed levity to the show. Newson, that great enemy of classical ballet, must have taken great delight in here building arabesques and fouetté turns into

his dance language. Elsewhere his language is obsessive, repetitive and selfflagellating. Newson is no stylist; his dancers are free to move in whatever way feels most natural to them. But when it comes to his message, Newson is a strict disciplinarian. And like many a proselytiser, he doesn't always recognise the point at which committed expostulation turns into the wearisome harassment of his audience.

DEBRA CRAINE

Soul of Schumann

weekends brought to London historically-aware performances in a concentrated flurry of concerts and illustrated talks. John Eliot Gardiner's Schumann Weekend at the Barbican was not billed as an "experience", though it shared many features of those earlier memorable occasions, not least the underlying concept that by recreating the musical forces of the period and focusing on a few works by one composer, his music would emerge in a new light. This idea was reflected in the title of the series (there will be a second weekend in the autumn): Schumann Revealed. It is a sign of how quickly. the historically-aware move-

was to find that the use of

stream orchestral repertory that the different sonority created by period instruments is no longer a novelty. Yet one revelation of hearing the two versions of the Fourth Symphony was the impact created by the shift from natural to valved horns: the familiar revised version of the early 1850s is a much weighter affair than its manifestation of a decade earlier, and the less strident sound of valved horns seemed integral to the change in conception.

Fascinating as it was to hear the symphony in both forms, as well as the Violin Concerto and the Overture, Scherzo and Finale, and reassuring as it is so often fudged in perfor-

period instruments does indeed resolve the supposed problems of Schumann's orchestration, the real revelation came with the most familiar work of all: the Piano Concerto in A minor. This was partly because of the instrument - a magnificent Streicher Grand of 1850 - and partly because of the partnership between soloist and orchestra: Gardiner's Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique bringing a rarely heard precision to that subtle interaction which

mances by modern orchestras (especially in the slippery, ebullient last movement).

Mostly, however, it was because of Robert Levin's brilliant playing. Completely at home on his instrument, and at ease technically, he gave a thoroughly convincing ac-count, full of panache and

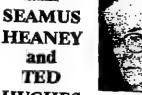
The Violin Concerto was a less happy affair, and not just because it is a strangely uneven piece. Here the soloist, Thomas Zehermair, seemed at odds with the orchestra, however accomplished his playing on its own terms. Perhaps it was a salutary reminder of how little we know as yet of string techniques in Schumann's day.

Tess Knighton

THE TIMES & DILLONS An evening of poetry



HEANEY TED



HUGHES READERS of *The Times* are invited to an evening with two of the most celebrated contemporary poets. Seamus Heaney and Ted Hughes, on Monday, April 14, at 7.30pm, at the Institute of Education in London.

The Times/Dillons Evening of Poetry marks the publication of Heaney and Hughes' new poetry anthology. The School Bag (Faber, E20 hard, E12.99 soft), a companion volume to their highly

(Faber, E20 hard, £12.99 soft), a companion volume to their highly successful The Rattle Bag.

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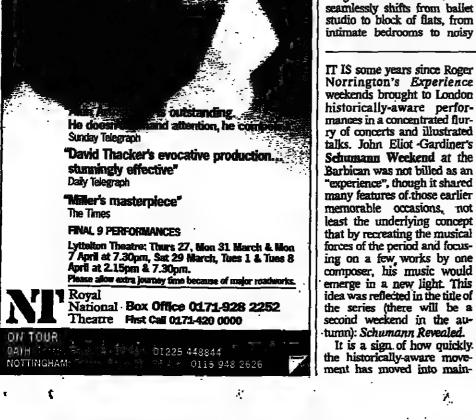
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CD CHOICE: Pierre Boulez is the undisputed

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■ TOMORROW

Are the ambitious plans for the Millennium Exhibition in Greenwich finally on the right track?

WISUAL ART: In Holy Week, Richard Cork recalls one of the world's greatest religious paintings

Still heart of the Passion

f a single painting can be said to have confirmed my hardy fascination with withing about art. lation is the one. Visiting the hilltop city of Urbino on an unforgestable August marning in 1967, I entered the Palazzo Ducale and found myself inable to sligh staring at this luminous, hypnotic image.

Flenty of paintings and sculpture that already com-manded may intention where in Easy, during a student in Easy, during a student in Easy, during the finest student student works in the finest student works in Fibrenos, assemble studing black ink on a mortel font in Siena Cathedral while struggling to do justice in the emotional intensity of Donatello's haggard St. 1994, his Baptist. Confronted by The Flagellation, however, I saw no point in drawing any longer. In-stead, I sat on the floor opposite Piero's picture and tried to put my response into

I stayed there for hours in a state of strange elation, only leaving with great reluctance when a guard insisted that the Palazzo was closed. The fervency of my 20-year-old attempt to malyse The Flagellation Would probably seem embarratsing if I reread it today. But ny willingness to enter. Piero's pictorial world and remain there, captivated. taught me how to look harder than I ever had before. More-over, the excitement of searching for verbal equivalents to visual sensations has stayed with me ever since, I heaght a reproduction of The Flagellation home from that Italian

ion home from that tranan journey. There it has remained, propped up in my writing room, estimony to the moment when I fully discovered what the central activity in my life would be.

Why clid it find Piero's picture, painted in oil and tempera on a gazel of modest dimensions, so mesmerising? Initially, its absolute stillness impressed me most. The figures inhabiting this superbly organised space seem, in their organised space seem, in their different ways, transfixed. Although the three men in the foreground might have been

held in a state of suspense. The bearded figure extends his left hand, as if to make an argumentative point. But he leaves it hanging there, and neither of his companions pays atten-tion to this forceful gesture. They all seem lost in meditation, attending to their thoughts with such gravity that each body takes on the

immobility of a statue. Historians have put forward a hewildering variety of theories about their identity, but they remain unproved. We do not even know who commissioned the painting from Piero, although it appears to have hung originally in the

> **6** Christ's composure finally takes on an heroic dimension 🤊

sacristy of Urbino Cathedral. The apparent subject accords with an ecclesiastical location, and yet fails to explain why the enignatic trio is given far greater pictorial prominence than the suffering Christ.

Piero deploys his mastery of perspective to accentuate, in the most dramatic manner, the difference between the two groups. The three large figures are boldly planted at the front, so that their physical bulk impresses itself forcibly upon us. Christ, on the other hand, is pushed back to a distant part of the atrium beyond. Both he and his tormentors seem diminutive compared with the grandeur of the figures in the piazza. They stand in the open air, lit by the sun from a cerulean sky interrupted only by a few

slender white clouds. The head of the youth in the centre, whose bere feet and curly blond hair contrast so surprisingly with the formali-ty of his companions, is framed by trees. His freshness and idealised features mark him out from the older, por-trait-like people at either side - the priestly patriarch with black hat and double-pointed beard, so different from the mental robe proclaims his wealth and status alike.

Both these worldly faces have architectural backdrops: classical arches and columns on the left, and the salmoncoloured walls of the building on the right, where Piero has delineated with hair's breadth precision the bars projecting from the tall windows. Even more formidable skill is evident in his virtuoso construction of the chamber where Christ receives his punishment. The receding inlaid floor and coffered ceiling is a tour de force of precise geometrical calculation. No other artist in the mid-15th century could handle the intoxicating new science of perspective with as much finality as Piero.

He ensures that the flagellation is relegated so convincingly to a distant locale that it appears, at first, wholly subor-dinate to the three foreground figures. In this respect it seems to bear out Auden's observation, in his poem Musée des Beaux Arts, that "the Old Masters" knew how everyday life always continues oblivious

That even the dreadful martyrdom must run its

Anyhow in a corner.

The longer we scrutichamber Christ: stands, though, the less incidental his ordeal becomes. For Piero's grasp of recession leads our eyes inexorably inwards, away from the magisterial trio and towards the source of distress. Far off it may be, but the positioning of Christ and his captors does not lessen their significance. On the contrary: these five figures, and the room enclosing them, are depicted with such consummate eloquence that they become the focus of attention. Light plays a potent role

throughout this exquisite inte-



rior. It gives the lie to any notion that Piero had a primarily mathematical mind, incapable of visual poetry. Coolness prevails after the heat of the piazza beyond. There, the terracotta floor burns in the sun's glare. But here, through the doorway behind the seated Pilate, the marble handrail and steps are picked out with slivers of whiteness. They provide a foil for the brilliance of the pink suffusing Pilate's hat, tunic and boots. Although he is separated from the flagellation group, the left hand extended by the neighbouring turbaned figure serves to link him with the consequences of his judgment. This same hand echoes the gesture made by the bearded man in the foreground of the painting. It therefore acts as a subtle connection between

Moreover, the turbaned observer looks as uncannily becalmed as the men in the piazza. Although he may well be responsible for overseeing Christ's punishment, his

the inside and outside scenes.

stance suggests that he is pausing to ponder the equanimity of the prisoner. So are the two men charged with lashing Christ's flesh. One of them, bald and frowning, clasps the victim's elbow in order to steady his aim. But Piero minimises the violence by hiding half the whitebearer's upraised arm behind the turban. His pale, bare legs are placed tightly together. adding to the sense of sadism under rigid control. The other flagellator parts his legs, bai-

movements seem choreo-graphed and devoid of the animal brutality which real scourging must have entailed. The thongs of his whip dangle limply in front of his shoulder, as if to emphasise Piero's desire to

purge the scene of aggression.
Judging by Christ's unmarked body, the flogging has not yet begun. A tantalising paint loss partially obliterates his facial expression, but the intact eyes suggest that he

resignation. Tiny points of light dance across the wooden door behind him, giving his calm an unexpectedly magical aura. And the stance adopted by Christ's legs chimes with the golden statue standing on the column above him.
Gleaming in the light, the
naked figure testifies to Piero's
admired for antique sculpture. It also reinforces Christ's hard-won poise, and the silver

ball in the statue's hand may prophesy the mood of the resurrection ahead. ...

al can occur, though, the protracted agony culminating. endured. Viewed in this way, pellucid atrium finally takes; on an heroic dimension. He, braces himself for the pain to come, and his stoicism is asource of wonder to everyone else in Piero's picture. That, surely, is why they all look so spellbound. Even though the three figures at the front have turned away from Christ, they seem awed into silence by his Before the miracle of renew- limitless, self-sacrificing love.

SBOUND THE GALLERIES

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

SCHOENBERG'S VARIATIONS FOR Reviewed by Martin Coline

SINCE it was premiered by Furtwängler in 1928, Schoenberg's Variations for Orchestra has hardly become a repertoire piece. No conductor or record company takes it on lightly, or expects to win any popularity prizes with it, but its shadowy, fantastic, and serially organised world gives new and rich musical rewards on repeated listening.

After Schoenberg had fin-ished the Variations, he wrote to Furtwangler and estimated that they would take about 12 to 15 minutes to perform. Nobody comes near that' But it is contrast of tempo that isimportant to exaggerate those contrasts risks losing overall continuity - to even things out too much results in a lack of individual character for each variation.

Karajan's 1974 recording falls into the first of these traps: even the playing of the Berlin Philharmonic cannot compensate for the lack of articulation and attack in the slower variations. It is as if Karajan, knowing that the music is difficult, is determined to make it sound beaunful - a misconception which Schoenberg himself would certainly have decried. Better that than Michael Gielen's way with the South-West German Radio Symphony Orchestra, where every little detail is meticulously, but coldly observed.



Of course, the detail must be there, but it has to be treated with affection. Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (EMI CDC5 55212-2) do just that. The changing contours and colours of the work are traced with great sensitivity and are excellently recorded, but, in the slower variations, and in the gradually accelerating finale, they are just too slow. and the momentum begins

Pierre Boulez is almost self-selecting in this music. He combines the attention to detail of Gielen with the affection of Rattle, and all at tempos that are close to Schoenberg's

demands. In the later of his two recordings (Erato 2292-45827-2), the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is not really inside the music, despite some virtu-

oso playing.

The earlier dates from a time (1976) when the BBC Symphony Orchestra had this music in its repertoire and in its blood, and it follows Boulez through the turns and twists of the work with the utmost flexibility (Sony Classical SMK 62021, or SMK 48464, £9.99 cach).

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e-mail: music@the-times.co.uk Next Saturday on Radio 3 (9am): Bach's St John Passion THE combination of spectacular architectural venue until April 27 and specially commissioned contemporary art is often □JOHN DOUGILL, an ad-

problematic. The artist often cannot compete. Tim Head's Blue Skies is a first for Chatham Historic Dockyard which hopes with the help of the Rochester upon Medway City Council to host a number of exhibitions. The artist is, however, to be admired for avoiding the trap of "responding" to place with obvious nostalgia, and for sticking to one of his earlier preoccupa-tions. Inside the cathedral-like timber construction of Number Three Covered Slip, Head has placed a sea of large white daisies with black centres



Blue Skies by Tim Head:

ironic daisy chains stretching way back towards the far wall. At the back wall two huge cut-out black cows swivel up and over themselves in a complete circle. The scale of the interior is ungraspable, the daisies so large, the cows effective in their movement, yet the best ironic artistic intention has been swamped by the physical grandeur. Tim Head's Blue Skies, a temporary installation in

Number Three Covered Slip.

Chatham Historic Dockyard,

Chatham, Kent (01634 732736)

mired art school tutor, hasbeen persuaded after a number of decades to show a small selection of his paintings and prints. The activity of painting, drawing and printmaking has been, for him, a singular, independent journey separate from the public gaze. This outcome, or "outing", shows that, instead of being a hyper-sensitive soul too precious to see the light of day, he has always been involved in a tough and questioning engagement with painting. The result is a strange combina-tion of topographical image, with motifs suspended across flat grounds, and situations exuding light and diffuse energy. It is not an obvious mixture but it works. John Dougill at Gasworks, 155 Vauxhall Street, The Oval, London SE11 5RH (0171-735 3445) until Sunday

☐ SARAH JONES sets up scenes and photographs them. Strongly lit, adolescent girls are pictured sitting around their parents' dining tables in staged sulky desolation. Their parents own some very fine pieces of antique china and these often feature, centrestage, like props in a Mannerist painting. The highly coloured photographs are so large that they set up a physical relation with the viewer. The shine that sheers off real or reproduction table surfaces, along with the girls' lip gloss and well-washed hair, has a sort of overblown 1950s colour and style which contributes to the gravitas: a study of jealousy, annoyance and boredom to come. Sarah Jones's New Work at

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LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. A repeat performance of last Thursday's semi-staged performance in Italian of Haydn's Orfeo ed Euridian With Christiane Oette as Euridian Kurt Streit as Orfeo, William Dazeley as Creonte, Elzbieta Samytika as Genio, and the London Voices Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) Tonight, 7pm (5)

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY Christopher Bruce's new baker, Sarcam performed to an original score by Philip Chambon, receives its London premiere this evening. The programme includes Bruce's enduring hit. Swansong, and Dusy Veldman's popular Kot Simona (Voice of Calebration). Sugar's Well at the Pee Portugal Street, off Kingsway, WC2 (0171-314 8800) Tonght-Thurs and

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Jeremy Kingston's assessmen of theatre showing in London

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THEATRE Ayub Khan Din

transition from acting to playwriting

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THEATRE: Matt Wolf charts the rise of a fine new Asian playwright

East heads off west

reakthrough moments in a creative life often arrive when least expected. A decade ago Ayub Khan Din, then in his mid-20s. was enjoying film renown playing Sammy in the Stephen Frears-Hanif Kureishi collaboration, Sammy and Rosie Get Laid. Regular acting work followed, much of it on stage with the Asian company Tara Arts, if not quite the leap to major stardom for which a young leading man might have hoped.

But none of the acting assignments — which include prominent roles in two curpent TV programmes, London Bridge and Staying Alive were as significant as the acclaim Din is now winning in his new guise as playwright. With his debut play East Is East returning this week for its third London engagement in five months, the actor-turnedauthor is revelling in a demand for his talent that he could not have anticipated.

Having never before thought of himself as a proper writer. Din finds himself these days turning down commissions. "It's been incredible." he says, sitting in the circle of the Royal Court Theatre at the Duke of York's, while rehearsals for his play's mainstage transfer take place below. And

he means it. The kind of thrill I got from acting for the first time that's the thrill I'm gening now," the 36-year-old Din says of his newfound success, as he watches his play progress from the Court's tiny 60-seat Stage space to the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, in February and on to the Court's Downstairs auditorium, some ten times the size of the studio theatre. (The play is a coventure between the Court. Birmingham Rep and Tamasha Theatre Company, which toured it last autumn.)

"I was sure East Is East was just going to happen and finish; I had no hopes of anything. I always thought in the back of the mind, because it was Asign-based, it might not get an audience." In fact, vered the anno "It's taken off in such a blg way; it's not the play I thought it was. People see it as a universal piece; it's not just about an Asian family.

As a result Din is fielding more offers than he can accept. He turned down a talking heads-style programme for Cariton, the company behind London Bridge, in which he plays what he calls "a pretty boring, dependable lawyer". Nor was he able to take up a National Theatre bursary that would have given him a second home outside the Court: "I didn't have the time.



would I go and write on this series or that series," Din reports. But, he says. "I'm more interested in doing my own stuff because I know what London Bridge - the meetings, the script editors."

Taking precedence at the moment is the screenplay of East Is East, which may reunite him with his onetime director, Frears, if he likes the finished script. With a draft due by August, the film looks likely to be backed by the BBC. Bhaji on the Beach director Gurinda Chadha, Hollywood producer Scott Rudin, and the Court's development director Jovce Hytner are others who have expressed interest in Din's quasi-autobiographical account of growing up in Currently in its second draft

is Din's next Court commission. Achaa — the title is a Hindu-Urdu word meaning guesthouse in Goa. Like East Is East, the new play is concerned with issues of identity: "It's about people who go to India and what they're looking for and how they kind of use and abuse the country." The play sounds as if it will feature a cross-section of characters Robert Altman might recognise, so it comes as little surprise to learn that Din is one of eight writers taking part in an English anthology film similar in style to Altman's Short Cuts.

The activity is that much more startling given the gene-

started 15 years ago, while studying drama at Mountview in north London. "As the years went by, I just kind of stuck it at the back of the drawer. I years ago as a screenplay; it was just a hooby until I was asked to put it back into a

stage play for the workshop. "You're just given so much more respect if you write something," he says, comparing the present level of attention to the jobbing life of an actor. Nonetheless, he is keen not "to get typecast as the new Hanif Kureishi, the Asian everyman. I'm not; I'm just a writer. I feel exactly the same; it's other people who are treating me differently."

East is East opens tomorrow at the Duke of York's (0171-565 5000)

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IN THE days when they were still the resident band at Robert's "boots and beer" store in Nashville, BRS-40 were challenged by a country star in the audience who offered to pay \$25 into their tip jar for every Hank Williams song they could play. Some \$500 worth of Williams-songs later, the star had run out of cash, while the band were just getting into their stride.

A less expensive way of gauging the extraordinary depth of this revivalist group's repertoire of traditional country, honky tonk and western swing music would have been

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simply to stand back and marvel at the two-and-a-half hour-long set which they performed with sparkling wit and consummate ease at the Shepherds Bush Empire on Sunday night.

Coming at the end of a British tour which has consolidated their rapidly growing reputation here, this was BR5-49's biggest show yet in this country. The event was a tour de force, seamlessly combining old and new songs delivered in a pre-rock n'roll performance style once thought to have been lost forever in the mists of time.

While the snap-brim hats. bootlace ties and cowboy boots were an obvious visual clue to their music's provenance, their commitment to the sounds of the 1940s and 1950s was much more than skin deep. Shaw Wilson's relaxed, click-shuffle drum technique and Smilin' Jay McDowell's slap-bass playing style provided the perfect backdrop to the faultiess singing of guitarists Gary Bennett and Chuck Mead, whose high, nasal harwere so inexincally linked as to sound like two parts of the same voice.

Their own songs, such as Hillbilly Thang and the magnificently moody trucker anthem, 18 Wheels & A Crowbar, fitted seamlessly alongside standards by old-timers such as Ray Price, Lefty Frizzell and Johnny Horton. A glorious celebration of a golden era of American music, it was a show which - to use the title of one of the group's own songs - felt like "One Long Saturday Night".

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hand in hand - at least in the public's view. Jokes about lawvers' avarice abound ... Client to lawyer: How much do you charge? Lawyer: £300 for three ions. Client: That's rather a lot, isn't it? Lawyer. Yes. Now what's your third question? That one was told by Anthony Julius, the Princess of Wales's solicitor, in his recent University College Landon lecture

But a new mood is afoot. Lawyers are starting to work for nothing. The legal profession insists that it has always done such work - pro bono publico (for the public good), as it is called. What is different is that the profession is organ-

ising these initiatives. Tonight the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Chancellor, with other legal luminaries, will attend a special fundraising reception at the Royal Courts of Justice. The occasion is the first anniversary of the Bar's Pro Bono Unit. et up to give legal advice and court representation in cases in which people cannot obtain eeal aid nor afford to pay. In its short life, the unit has

been a big success. About 650 barristers, including 120 QCs, have joined its register of those leady to offer at least three days' help a year free. Already t has taken on 230 written inquiries and given help in 100 cases. Peter Goldsmith, QC, former Bar Chairman, was the driving force. He says: The tremendous response we have already had shows the commitment of barristers to serving the community and to helping those in need of advice or assistance. We are trying to help people who may become victims of the legal system if they do not get the expert legal, advice they need, but which the legal and sustem is which to provide and for which they

cannot pay." The unit is the first national scheme of its kind. Half the cases so far have come from outside London and the South East and 150 panel members are from outside London. Work comes in from individuals, law centres, advice bu-reaux and solicitors — at a rate of 30 referrals a month. Fortyfour per cent of applications have been accepted. There are strict criteria: a committee sifts cases to see whether they merit help and whether a barrister is needed. Cases must not last longer than three days and the person must be ineligible for legal aid and unable to afford private fees. Cases are allocat-



Sifiso Mahlangu is met at Heathrow by Salome Stopford and her daughter after his flight from Johannesburg

ed to barristers with the relevant expertise. Vanessa Sims, the administrator, says: "It is our firm policy that pro bono work should not be regarded in any way as second-class work. Once panel members accept a case, it has to be treated like any other professional commitment."

Just under half of the cases offered — 44 per cent — have



McClelland: helped by unit

been taken on. They cover a wide range. The biggest group

— 20 per cent — involved
employment disputes, reflecting the lack of legal aid for tribunal cases. Ten per cent are family cases and the third largest group, 6 per cent, disputes with banks.

But not all cases outside the criteria are rejected outright. Ms Sims says: "We try to help if we can. Some we can refer to

other organisations that might be more appropriate, such as Liberty or a citizens advice bureau. People often do not know where to go." in half the cases, barristers have given advice rather than representation in court. The unit has already a creditable list of successes. In one, a French

company brought libel proceedings against an English ex-employee who lacked the resources for a defence. The unit briefed a top QC, David Vaughan, to advise and appear in the Court of Appeal on an issue of European law concerning security for costs. The plaintiff company was ordered to pay security and on its failure to do so, the action was dismissed. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, paid public tribute to the unit and expressed the hope that its example "may inspire others in a similarly pub-

lic-spirited manner". Arden McCleiland, the client, said: "The help I got from the unit - and from Patrick Milmo, QC, who helped me at another stage in the proceed-ings — could have cost me more than £100,000. They did a marvellous job — all in the interests of justice."

Among other cases are:

● Anton Lodge, QC, of Leeds, who acted for a nurse at a than people coming direct.

Ms Sims says: "Sometimes three-day inquest into the people need a solicitor as well as a barrister — so we could do with a panel of solicitors with death of a patient. Without the unit, the nurse would have been the only party without a

 A woman who had wrongly been held liable for her father's trading debts was represented in the county court by junior counsel and the judgment against her was set aside. The judge said she was a "victim of the legal

 In the wrangle last year over Sifiso Mahlangu, the Zulu boy fostered in England whose parents wanted him back to South Africa, the unit obtained a QC to act for the fostermother pro bono. (Legal aid was later obtained.)

The unit now needs more funds to expand. It is a registered charity and its budget next year is £50,000, some from the Bar Council but also from individual barristers and sets of chambers. The aim, Mr Goldsmith says, is to put the unit on a "sound working and financial basis to guarantee its future contribution to helping those in need".

The unit also needs to strengthen links with solicitors, so that they refer clients rather

Rights and wrongs of access to court

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Benjamin Franklin wrote in 1774 that he wished that a constitution could be formed and settled for America, that we might know what we are and what we have". Until then, "different sentiments will ever occasion misunderstandings". The judgment of the Divisional Court in R v Lord Chancellor ex parte Witham (Times Law Report, March 13, 1997) indicates that English judges are beginning to perform the necessary, but difficult, task of articulating and applying basic constitutional principles to resolve disputes about the scope of executive power.

John Witham is unemployed, has no savings and receives income support. He wants to bring legal proceedings for mali-cious falsehood and libel. Legal aid is not available for such a claim so he would be a litigant in person. The Supreme Court Act 1981 allows the Lord Chancellor to "prescribe fees" for legal proceedings. With effect from January 15 1997, the Lord

Chancellor introduced the Supreme Court Fees (Amendment) Order 1996 which

substantially increased fees. Crucially for Mr Witham Article 3 repealed previous provisions which relieved litigants in person who are in receipt of income support from the obligation to pay a fee, and which allowed the Lord Chancellor to reduce or remit the fee on grounds of financial hardship. The Divisional Court beld that Article 3 is unlawful because the Lord Chancellor has no power to introduce a scheme which denies poor people such as Mr Witham access to justice.

Mr Justice Laws (with whom

Lord Justice Rose agreed) acknowledged that the 1981 Act conferred a power expressed in broad terms. But (accepting the arguments advanced by Mr Witham's counsel, Peter Duffy) Mr Justice Laws explained that English law recognises a constitutional right of access to the courts. The executive may frustrate that right only if Parliament expressly so authorises. The court will interpret general statutory powers as not intended to allow ministers to apply policies which contravene this constitutional right.

Mr Justice Laws referred to a number of earlier court decisions which recognised a constitutional right of access to the courts, including cases concerned with the powers of prison governors to interfere with prisoners' correspondence with their legal advisers. The judgment in er parte Witham is an important contribution to the process on which administrative law judges will be spending much of their time in the next decade: identilying and applying the constitutional prin-ciples which regulate discretionary power. There are some very difficult questions here. What interests should the judiciary recognise as "constitutional rights" to be protected? Access to the court is an easy starting point, since the legal system is of no value unless individuals are allowed to bring their disputes to court for determination Once rights have been identified, to what extent can they be defeated by policy considerations such as cost and efficiency? Again, ex parte Witham is an easy case because the policy was absolute, allowing for no exceptions, and so access to the court for the poor was denied whenever (as in a libel claim) legal aid is unavailable. English public law has no choice but to confront these complex issues unless it

wishes to remain a series of isolated judicial pronouncements about the requirements of reasonableness and fairness in the circumstances of the individual case. Such an

approach to judicial review provides unhelp-ful guidance to administrators and to those aggrieved at their

Until recently, the develop-ment of principles of judicial review has been impeded by the refusal of practising lawyers to recognise the existence of constitutional norms, and by their rejuctance to look abroad for assistance. Recent publications from Butterworths will help to remedy those defects.

Butterworths has reissued volume 8 (2) of the fourth edition of Halsbury's Laws of England, under the title Constitutional Law and Human summarising all aspects of our constitutional law, the reissue (edited by Lord Lester of Herne and Professor Dawn Oliver)

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by the Society of Labour Lawyers. James Goudie, QC, the society's chairman, says there could have been reluctance to attend because the seminars were seen as being part of a fundraising exercise. He points out, however, that a fundraising dinner earlier this month, attended by 100 lawyers at £500 a head - with the Blairs as special guests — had been highly successful.

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· calls returned quickly. Piers Coleman, the unit's head, says: "Recent court decisions have increased the burden on returning officers." The hottine is 0941 148206.

• The betting is on for who will bag the Legal Personality of the Year Award at the annual Lawyer/HIFAL awards on April 4. This column's bet is on Cherie Booth, QC.

Mears to run

MARTIN MEARS is to stand as Law Society President. After falling out with his former deputy, Robert Sayer

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WOULD Cherie Booth, QC, be able to combine her practice with being a PM's wife? The view at the Bar is mixed. One senior judge says it would be "extremely difficult.

Others are more positive. Heather Hallett, QC, Vice-Chairman of the Bar, says: "If anyone can do it, she

can. Ms Booth, meanwhile, is clearing her legal diary. Mr Justice Hooper had to stand in for her at the draw last week for the 16 schools



Booth: many duties

in the finals of the Bar's national mock trial competition, to be held in Belfast Crown Court on

- who is being invited to throw in his lot with Phillip Sycamore (the present Vice-President) and Michael Matthews (Treasurer) - Mr Means has decided to run. He says: "It was not for fudges, trimming and private deals that nearly half the profession voted for Mr Sayer and me

● Linklaters & Paines have landed a little gem with the case of NatWest's missing E90 million. With its partners charging up to £500 an hour on a clean-up job which may take months, the firm will amass a tidy sum. It has called the file Project Coral, presumably because it sees the work as something precious, to be protected at all costs.

Up and away IT IS probably now safe to fly

to Croatia for a holiday. Not only is the war over, but Cruatia Airlines has just traded in its five aircraft for six new Airbus A-319s, thanks in part to the efforts of the City firm Stephenson Harwood and its Croatian associate firm, Zurić i Partneri.

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waiti Government, which has

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sation for torture. In refusing

him leave last December, the

law lords surrendered the

chance to make an advance in

the protection of international

Though Mr al-Adsani was

born in Britain and has a UK

passport, he was a pilot in the

Kuwaiti Air Force when Iraq

invaded in 1990. Serving in the

underground during the occu-pation, he incurred the dis-

pleasure of an absent sheikh,

who, on his return after the

The sheikh, using his au-

thority as a member of the

ruling family and a senior of-

ficer, had Mr al-Adsani de-

tained in a military prison.

There he was beaten, tortured

and ultimately set on fire by the sheikh and his henchmen.

His home and possessions were deliberately wrecked. His father, at the time health

attaché at Kuwait's London

Embassy, brought him back to England, where he has been

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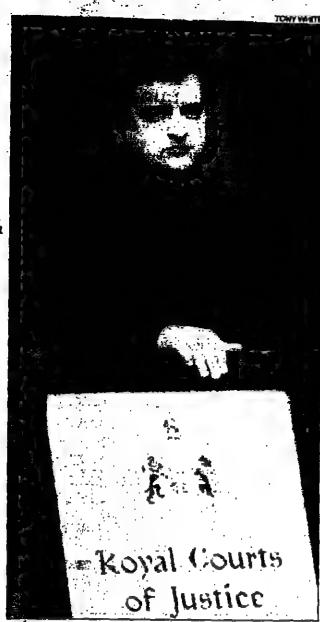
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Sulaiman al-Adsani: beaten before being set on fire

Geoffrey Bindman reports on the his week Sulaiman al-Adsani lodges an appeal with the Euro-Act that failed a British citizen pean Commission of

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Strasbourg after the House of sets outside Kuwait, would be Lords refused to grant him funie. Effective redress demands that liability be established against the Kuwaiti Government The obstacle in Mr al-

Adsani's path is the State Immunity Act, 1978, which provides that "a State is immune from the jurisdiction of the courts of the United Kingdom except as provided in the following provisions of this part of this Act". The exceptions include certain commercial transactions, but violation of

the fundamental right not to suffer torture, a grave breach of international law, is not listed among them, Does this mean a Government can claim immunity for torture carried out by its agents, even on its direct orders?

Could Parliament, when it in the world committed. passed the Act, have intended to protect the perpetrators of the worst imaginable crimes against humanity?

Serving proceedings outside the jurisdiction requires leave of the court, which had no problem accepting that Mr al-Adsani could not be expected to sue in Kuwait. It also had to be persuaded that he had a "good arguable case" that state immunity could not be asserted against him. In 1995 the Court of Appeal held that he had overcome this hurdle. notwithstanding the Act. Lords Justices Evans and Rose

and Lady Justice Butler-Sloss were unanimous that the Act could properly be interpreted as conferring immunity only when a State was acting

within international law. Torture is prohibited by international law. In 1980, in a celebrated American case (Filartiga v Pena-Irala), a judge of the Federal Court of Appeals declared that "the torturer has become, like the pirate and the slave trader before him ... an enemy of all mankind". The International

Covenant against Torture in 1984 affirmed the prohibition of torture in international law. This was recog-nised by Parliafor a wrong ment when the Criminal Justice Act 1988 made torrure a criminal offence in Britain wherever

> Brought before the English court, the Government of Kuwait might have been expected to defend the case on its merits, rather than hide behind a procedural defence. Instead, it chose to raise again the issue of state immunity, deploying the resources of the world's biggest law firm (Baker & Mackenzie) and briefing two QCs against the legally aided Mr al-Adsani. This time the plaintiff had to persuade the court definitively that state immunity could not be relied on to defeat a torture allega-

tion. A "good arguable case"

was not enough. A differently constituted Court of Appeal upheld the narrow interpretation of the Act argued by the Kuwaiti Government counsel. Because leave to appeal was refused, the case can

go no further in this country. The development of international human rights law has been accompanied by the creation of international systems of adjudication, such as the European Court of Human Rights and the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations. These systems have many shortcomings. National courts could and should intervene, especially where their own citizens are the victims of abuse. Interference by one state in the domestic affairs of another is rightly resisted, but human rights are not a domestic issue. When states violate a human right as fundamental as the right not to suffer tor-ture, the doctrine of state im-

munity has no place. By accepting Kuwait's claim to immunity, the English courts have denied Sulaiman al-Adsani a remedy for a terrible wrong. His pursuit of his case under the European Human Rights Convention could be a long process and is necessarily a claim against the UK Government rather than the Kuwait Government - the true culprit. Whatever the ultimate outcome, the State Immunity Act needs urgent amendment to ensure that governments responsible for torture will never again be able to claim immunity in an English court.

The author is senior partner of

One for every day of the year

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ean Constable, poor soul, was picked up in a pub one New Year's Day and killed by a man who later claimed to be asleep at the time. He was believed by a jury in 1961, but died soon after in a car crash.

Such is the random nature of justice. Morton's collection; a murder for each day of the year, is likewise random; it is the date, not the theme or the deverness, that collates these crimes and the only thing linking them is the fact that someone was killed, usually with a fair bit of malice aforethought.

James Brown on July 23 put a grenade in the seat of the bath chair occupied by his horrible bully of a father, thus proving the effectiveness of army training, while those who contemplated homicide over the season might empathise with the lucky ones who could not be hanged because of their own, peculiar necks.

The undiscovered murder of Dr Carolyn Warwick will make one fear the underground car park, while the meanness of the man who not only killed the nightwatchman, but stole his boots. will cause a minute's reflection on the awful banality of the whole, murderous pro cess. It is not often, after all, that a tamed shark regurgitates a human arm decorated with a distinctive tattoo to aid the investigators.

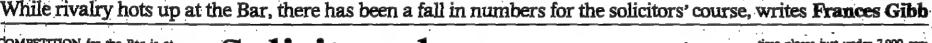
Nor is it frequent for a Japanese defendant to be acquitted of the worst of crimes. The conviction rate is 99.8 per cent, partly beause of the prosecutor's right to appeal and to try the alleged culprit up to three times for the same offence, without the whole thing being messed up by a jary. Our own prosecutors might revel in a similar opportunity to get convictions.

There is both benefit and lection, especially when Morton does it. In all his books, he writes not to revel in the glory of gore but to observe and record a profound curiosity about extremes. Let others philosophise and psychologise Morton recites with an elegant and concise reportage style touching on the dry.

ill the man speak out? No. A former defence solicitor, ever the erudite historian in disguise, but renowned by client and adversary as an honourable opponent, he knows better. He just tells it, humbly and judiciously, withour fear or favour.

Human beings do this, he says, and juries do that. You might as well know. It is entirely up to you to judge. If you dare.

FRANCES FYFIELD



COMPETITION for the Bar is at one of its highest levels, but demand to become a solicitor has droppped off, according to the latest figures.

For the first time this autumn, seven institutions have been ilcensed by the Bar to run the oneyear vocational course which all graduates must take as a stepping stone to the Bar, ending the monopoly enjoyed by the Inns of Court. School of Law (Bar school).

Solicitor places are empty

tors' training college, has succeeded in attracting 1,800 applications for 120 places, although not all as a first

But the Irins of Court School of Law is apparently coming out on top in the face of competition and is still number one in student choice. One of the new providers, the according to figures released this College of Law, the biggest solici- week. The school drew 2,290 appli-

rations, of which 1,863 put the school as its first choice. They are competing for 750 full-time places and 100 part-time. Last year, when the inns of Court School of Law (Bar school) ran the course on its own, there were 1,534 applications and the year before, 1,474. About 2,500 students have applied for the 1,400 places being offered by the seven institu-

courses from September. First offers have just gone out.

While competition hots up at the Bar, it has cooled on the other side of the profession. There has been a fall in applications for the solicitors' profession legal practice course.

The number of applications re-ceived at January I this year for full-

time places just under 7,000 compared with just under 8,000 the year before, a fall of 12.5 per cent. There are 6,734 full-time and 1,322 parttime places on the legal practice course throughout England and Wales and a number of institutions will not fill their targets.

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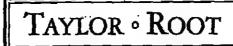
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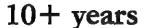
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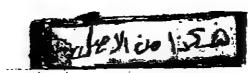
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Italy aim for 2000 as target to fulfil European intent

and gives himself another five years of representative rugby. Do you think we will be playing in the five nations' by hen?" he asked, a mite anxlously considering that the Milan stand-off half is the seventh-highest points scorer in world regby and generally recognised as one of the controlling destinies of Italian

rugby. As the international Rugby Football Board representa-Kong this past week disperse. those from Britain and Ireland must seriously consider the case for including Italy as full members of an expanded European competition. For France it is not a problem: they have played a significant role in the development of Italian rugby and see the growth of the five nations into six as a natural extension.

This is, in fact, the fifth match of the tournament," Bernard Lapasset, president of the French federation, wrote in the match programme for the meeting in Grenoble between France and Italy last Saturday. "Italy are knocking harder and harder on the door of the tournament and their application, which the French federation supports, has been reinforced by their success in recent weeks."

Lapasset was not to know that success would embrace his own country. "What more do we have to do to prove thatwe should have a place in the five nations?" Massimo Giovaneili, Italy's hirsute flanker and captain, asked after the their first over a france senior XV — had said in . We have written the greatest page in the written the greenest rage in the history of Italian rugby. Some-thing has thanged in the balance of the Eurogean pow-

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DIEGO DOMINGUEZ is 30 David Hands on support for a campaign to enlarge the five nations' championship

> far stronger than merely one win over a lacklustre France team that would not have wanted a game such as this eight days after the completion of the five nations. Moreover, now is the time they deserve encouragement, allowing them to build on the momenturn of a season that has included victories over France and Ireland and narrow defeats by Wales and Scotland. Yet they are likely to be

faced with caution. British administrators have in mind the example of the Romania of the late 1970s, who sought the same objective but whose players grew old together or left home to escape dire exo-

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nomic circumstances. But Itahave money — enough to ual win bonus of £2,400 after Saturday and to contract, in two categories, some 35 players - and they have commerinterests involved with

their first-division clubs. They are also building a structure that should guarantee talented players for the future; queries posed about their strength in depth, coming from Scotland and Ireland, look a trifle threadbare at the moment. The curtaintheir money before losing 38-25, while Italy regularly dispatch a side to the Fira youth tournament, being staged this

week in Buenos Aires. Half of their 400 clubs run schools of rugby and in June they will send a development side for a six-match tour to Zimbabwe and Namibia. That will be good preparation for their involvement next auturnn in the second edition of the Latin Cup, in which they meet France, Romania and Argentina. Yet the dates for the five nations' championship next season are in place, with additional fixtures established

Those include home games for Italy against Ireland (December 20) and Scotland (January 24) and an away game with Wales on February 7, the first weekend of the 1998 five nations'. "We think what Italy is doing is correct," Tom Kiernan, the Irish chairman of European Rugby Cup Ltd. said. They are playing each of the other countries as regularly as possible over the next couple of years and I suspect that, come the 1999 World Cup, Italy will be in a position to push their case.

Everyone will have an open mind when that happens but the five nations' is a very precious tournament and one doesn't want to dilute its impact." The present Italy cam is hardly likely to do

Giancario Pondi, the president of the Italian federation, has offered the five nations' committee the chance to send in a commission to examine the state of Italian rugby. "We have nothing to hide," Dondi said, though he is realistic enough to acknowledge a target of entry to the five nations' by the year 2000.



Lamaison in action during the match against Scotland in which he injured Chalmers with a shoulder charge

Lamaison suspended for 30 days

BY DAVID HANDS

CHRISTOPHE LAMAISON, the Brive centre who emerged as one of the dominant personalities of the grand slam in the five nations' championship by France this season, was suspended yesterday for 30 days in what may prove to be a test case for the rugby union judicial system.

Lamaison was cited by the Scottish Rugby Union after a shoulder charge on Craig Chalmers during the win over Scotland in Paris on March 15 that clinched the grand slam. Chalmers was concussed and had to be helped off, leaving his union to be the first of the five nations to employ the

citing system that allows consideration of acts of foul play that go unseen or unpunished during a match.

But Brive may consider punished, it should affect his international career rather than his club. The player will miss matches against PUC, Toulon, Colomiers and Pau at significant time in the domestic championship, but

France have no representative commitments before their meeting with Romania on June I and the subsequent tour of Australia.

Brive, the European club champions, may suggest that, in the professional era, rugby should resemble football and

punish players by suspending them from the competitions in which the offence is committed. They may also consider that Lamaison, 25 and capped dealt with for a robust and late challenge that, though constituting dangerous play under law 26, was not untoward in a

physical-contact game. Since the game turned pro-fessional in 1995, France have had cause to suspend two players, Richard Dourthe (after playing England in 1996) and Franck Tournaire (after playing Ireland this year). On both occasions their opponents drew attention to televised incidents of foul play and each player was suspended. Dourthe for two international matches and Tournaire for one, though the latter continued

Peter Boyle, the match commissioner, from Ireland, received written, oral and video evidence at the hearing in a Heathrow hotel yesterday. Lamaison did not attend but

was represented by Jean-Claude Skrela, the France coach, and Guy Laporte, the French federation vice-president responsible for international matches. Scotland's case was presented by Arthur Hastie, the team manager, and David Johnston, the assistant coach who is also a

RUGBY LEAGUE

Game plan keeps France in the fold

BY CHIUSTOPHER LEVINE

THE danger of France being excluded from the international arena after the disappearance this year of the triangular European championship has been prevented by the arrangement of inaugural matches against Ireland, in Paris on May 14, and Scot-

land, in Glasgow on July 9. "We are duty bound to give France international competition," Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, said. "By giving them fixtures against Ireland and Scotland we are providing matches against sides in their

ability range."
Paris Saint-Germain look to be on a more secure financial footing now that a proposal to reform the club as a limited company has received approv-al. This will allow for two thirds of shares to be taken up by interested investors in Eng-land, with the remainder held by the French Rugby League

Hull, the first division leaders, will today announce the sale of £300,000 of unissued shares to a consortium headed by Tim Wilby, the former Hull centre, who is expected to take over as chairman.

With Shaun Edwards destined to join London Broncos. Wigan are directing part of the £750,000 that they received for the sale of Va aiga Tuigamala into team rebuilding. They are interested in Tony Smith, of Castleford Tigers, as a replacement for Edwards and lestyn Harris, of Warrington Wolves. Paul Rowley, the Halifax Blue Sox hooker, and Paul Sironen, the former Australia forward, are also

Bob Scott, the Huddersfield vice-chairman, has been given the task of raising the profile of the 22 lower-division sides as general manager of the new first and second division clubs association. "One of the things I will be trying to get across will be the fact that there is life outside the Super League," he

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Death in Holland confirms return of game's sickness

football grounds has, thank heavens, produced nothing as chilling as the death of a Dutch football supporter during fighting on wasteland beside the Haarlem to Amsterdam road on Sunday. This was a fight, with some horrendous weaponry. that so-called supporters of Ajax, of Amsterdam, and Feyenoord, of Rotterdam, had attempted to stage four times since they clashed at a league match in Rotterdam last November.

Police, using undercover in-telligence, had moved one step ahead of the thugs, arresting 80 of them and confiscating weapons that included baseball bats, knives. Molotov cocktails and electric cattle prods when those determined to have their battle last planned a coming-together on February 16.

Subsequently, a match between Sparta Rotterdam and Ajax was called off, a precedent never yet set in England. But, so determined were the thugs to meet that nobody can doubt that their violence, which had a firebomb during the "match of hate" in November as its starting-point, was a predetermined date with death.

Sport? That, alas, is the first casualty. Yesterday, while the man who died was still unidentified, while others were being pieced together in hospital, Winnie Sorgdrager, the Dutch Justice Minister, hastily arranged a meeting between the prosecution service and the mayors of Dutch football cities. This is criminal behaviour, pure and simple. It has very little to do with football," Hans Dijstal, the Dutch Interior Minister, said.

Maybe so, but we have heard that sentiment echo down the years when the hooligan disease has been transmitted from England to Europe. Dutch hooliganism can be traced back to 1974, when Feyenoord met Tottenham Hotspur in the Uefa Cup final in Rotterdam, and the rival fans rioted. It has gone on unabated in Holland, with particularly vicious fighting when Germany or German clubs have played the Dutch. Now that it has had such deadly consequences, people ROB HUGHES



Overseas View

are asking how the European championship of 2000 can be held jointly in Holland and Belgium. The arrest count when Holland travelled to Brussels for a World Cup qualifying match in December against Belgium was 123. Can this be the same nation,

the same football-loving people, whose followers pro-vided arguably the highlight of Euro 96. It was the night when Holland and Scotland fought a goalless draw at Villa Park, but when the sheer spectacle of colour and a stadium shared between Dutch orange and Scottish tartan ended with a solitary arrest: a Scotland supporter was taken into custody for dancing gleefully onto the field. It was a celebration too far for the stringent policing that was a prerequisite of the summer of 1996, in which our police gave misbehaviour not the slightest chance.

orrowfully, we leave the Dutch to their funeral, and praise be that it was not an English victim in Oporto last Wednesday, or at Loftus Road on Saturday, or at Bristol, Millwall, Leicester in recent worrying weeks.

One almost prays for the soul of the game. The players of Bologna last weekend had the opportunity to do that when they were granted an audience with Pope John Paul II. Bologna failed to turn up. The Pope was left waiting 40 minutes at the Vatican, uninformed of the fact that the Bologna team had missed their flight. Subsequently, Bologna went down to Rome and drew 1-1 against AS Roma at the Olimpico Stadium, without his blessing.

In Spain, the reign of Real Madrid is about to be restored. Once faded, still with enormous debts, Real maintained a nine-point lead over Barcelona and Sevilla on Sunday, when Fernando Hierro. their captain, scored both goals in a 2-0 victory in Real

matter that his methods are successful, no matter that he has a contract to 1999. His relationship with the

ence of total immersion and president, Lorenzo Sanz. Capello does not argue. In fact, says this is not because the Italian keeps criticising the financial status of the club, keeps badgering the president for new players, but relates to Capello's defiance against his president's demands that the son of the president be included in the team.

shops abroad. Last week he commented that "for Real Madrid to cement itself as a top European side, we need at least five new players". None of these bears the name of Sanz. In fact few of them are likely to be Spanish. For, in signing Ze Roberto, a 23-yearold Brazilian last week, Capello increased his overseas contingent to eight.

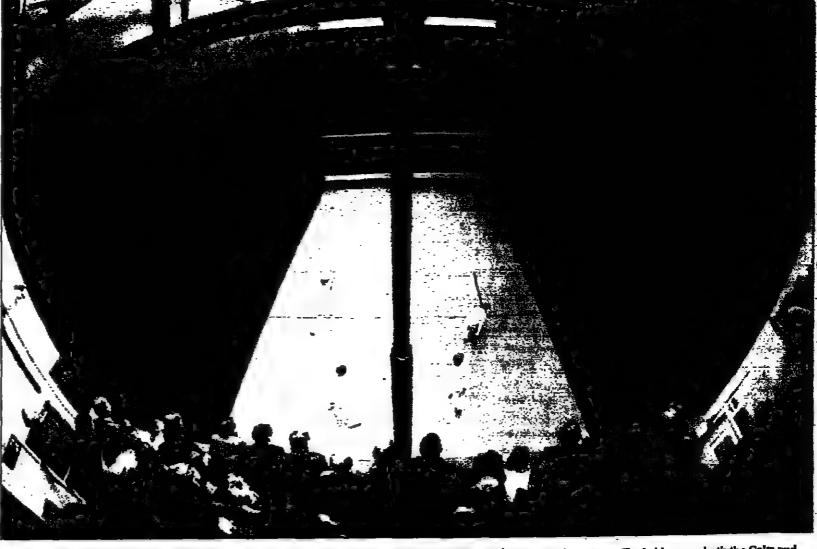
The league of nations has draw eight and to lose a single Spanish league match, yet Capello feels unwanted, unloved and is unlikely to resist the call home in the summer. He was obliged to leave AC Milan after winning the championship four years out of five. The club has since disintegrated, spending mil-Capello. Capello will doubtless return and, seeking har-mony, will reimpose himself as the spender of Silvio Berlusconi's billions of spare

Real Madrid choose an unjoyful way to celebrate. Fabio Capello, the Italian dis-ciplinarian who is their coach. is virtually certain to leave at the end of the season, no

players, doubtless those unaccustomed to the Italian experiobsession with preparation, are publicly strained. With the they scarcely speak. A close friend of the Capello family

Rather than do that, Capello

lions on two successors to



pairing of Guy Smith-Bingham and Hugo Loudon winning the final of the public schools rackets doubles championship at Queen's Club yesterday. Smith-Bingham and Loudon beat the third-seeded pairing. Harrow, 15-4, 15-9, 7-15, 17-14, 15-4, The Eton pair lost only one game throughout the competition.

In the final, Eton won the first two games in short time but then relaxed, allowing Harrow to gain in confi-

dence. Titchener-Barrett dominated the third game for Harrow, and the third seeds raced to 13-3 in the fourth ame. Varied service from Smith-Bingham brought Eton back to win the game, before wrapping up the

Tonbridge won both the Colts and Junior Colts finals on Sunday, but lost in the final of the second pairs competition to Cheltenham yesterday. The Colts final was an exciting contest, with some high-quality rackets from Parker, of Tonbridge,

SNOOKER: SCOT POCKETS ANOTHER TITLE IN BUILD-UP TO DEFENCE OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Hendry's staying power proves decisive

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN HENDRY again demonstrated an unparalleled ability to stand firm under the utmost pressure by capturing the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters title in dramatic circumstances at Goffs, Co Kildare, late on Sunday

By edging Darren Morgan, the holder, 9-8 in one of the most memorable finals of the event, Hendry swelled his total of professional tournament wins to 64 and collected E72,000 - his fifth winner's cheque of the season. There have been countless instances when Hendry, 28, has produced snooker of a higher standard. Rarely, though, has ly when clearly not cueing with any great authority.

Hendry, defeated only once in 14 previous meetings with Morgan, began well enough.

Morgan trailed only 43 after the first session and continued to hang on to Hendry's coattails when play resumed.

Leading 7-6 and then 8-7. Morgan looked the more confident of the two and appeared canable of achieving a victory as unexpected as his triumph over Steve Davis in the climax to the tournament last year. Even so, lurking in the back of Morgan's mind, as with the vast majority of Hendry's opponents, must have been an awareness of the world No I's uncanny propensity to transform such adversity into

True to form, Hendry levelled by comfortably winning the sixteenth frame and he black with a colour clearance, after Morgan had missed a vital pink using the rest.

It was the eleventh consecutive final that Hendry had in which he had prevailed in the final frame. Hendry, who constructed a maximum break of 147 in the closing frame to pip Ronnie O'Sullivan 9-8 for the Liverpool Victoria Charity

Challenge title in January, also defeated John Higgins 10-9 in the United Kingdom

Hendry: narrow victory

sional in 1985, has now figured in the final of 80 events and has converted 80 per cent of those appearances into tro-phies. The outcome at Goffs was ominous for those with ambitions towards dethroning him as world champion at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, next month. He has already amassed £387,630 during the 1996-97 campaign, has won the Regal Weish Open and

proaches the blue-riband event benefiting from an unshakable degree of self-belief. Steve James, who has the distinction of being the only player to overcome Hendry in the Embassy world championship during the Nineties, was struggling vesterday to earn a place in the concluding stages

International Open and ap-

of the competition. James caused an upset by beating Hendry 13-11 in the quarter-finals of the 1991

championship but, since then. he has steadily declined. This was evident when he trailed Graham Horne, the world No 113, 5-4 after the opening session of their best-of-19 frame final-qualifying round 📕 encounter at Telford.

Jason Ferguson, who led Hendry 6-3 in the last 32 of the championship 12 months ago only to lose 10-8, also faced an uphill battle as he slipped to 54 in arrears against Mark Davis, of St Leonards-on-Sea. despite winning the eighth frame from 65 points behind with a 71 clearance.

Billy Snaddon, another participant with Hendry connections, was responsible for the best performance of the afternoon. Snaddon, Hendry's erstwhile practice partner, com piled breaks of 59, 74, 60 and 92 to establish a 6-3 advantage over Rod Lawler, the firstround conqueror of John Par-

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

There were two easy points of technique on this hand, neither noticed by the declarer in his mad rush to get on with the play. Game all

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4AJ2 Contract: Four Spedes by South. Lead: king of hearts

South opened One Spade after two passes, West overcalled Two Hearts and North closed the auction with Four Spades. East discarded a club on the first heart and declarer won. He crossed to the ace of spades and played a heart. West switched to diamonds; now declarer's only chance was to find East with the king of clubs, and when West turned up with that card declarer

eventually went two off. Declarer has two potential diamond losers, along with a heart and a trump, but the club combination will give him two tricks. Declarer should play a low club at trick two. Now if West wins and switches to diamonds, declarer wins the ace, comes to hand with the king of spades and discards two diamonds from dummy on his winning clubs. Then he plays a heart. Now with communication established he can afford to cash a

second high spade when he regains the lead. He then continues on crossruff lines leaving the master trump at

large.
Cashing the second high spade before playing a second heart risks West being able to win and draw a third round of trumps, if he started with OJx. Here the sloppier play of two top trumps after the diamond switch would also have worked, as East cannot get in to play his third trump.

There was a close finish to the Schools Cup at the weekend. Winners, with 160 VPs. were. St Paul's A (Richard Probst, Tom Sutcliffe, Dafydd Jones and Daniel Elstein). Joint runners-up were Loughborough Grammar School A and Hutcheson's A, both with

159 VPs. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KERNE

Boy wonder

Fourteen-year-old Etienne Bacrot, of France, has shaved several months off the previous world record for becoming the youngest grandmaster. Bacrot achieved this feat in style, tieing for first place in the Enghien tournament with Viktor Korchnoi, and defeating Korchnoi in their individual game.

In the final round Bacrot even exceeded the requirements for gaining the title by half a point when he defeated Kevin Spraggett, from Canada, the former Commonwealth champion grandmaster.

White: Kevin Spraggett Black: Etierne Bacrot Enghien-les-Bains

March 1997

Semi-Slav Defence d4 ď5 3 N/3 Nc3 Nbd7 Bd3 0-0 8 0-0 10 ස් ·Bb8 11 . 64. త 14 bxc3 15 Re1 g3 Bb2 Re2

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White resigns Diagram of final position

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The records

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The four youngest players ever to become a grandmaster are as follows:

☐ Raymond Keene writes on

section on Saturday.

chess Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

By Philip Howard

WORD WATCHING

a. Free admission

OORALI a. A Maori dance b. A poison

CUFF b. A breed of pigeon c. A Black

c. The woolly wombat

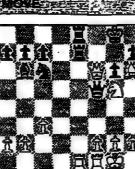
PHALAENA a. A Macedonian headdress

c. An axe

b. A moth c. A pause for effect POLLAX a. Nonsense b. The second finger.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Dolmatov — Karasev, USSR 1982. How did White power his way through against the weakened Black kingside?



BADMINTON

BASLE: Sweet Open; Men: Semi-finals: P.E. Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bi Sun Jun (Chnai) 15-3, 12-15, 15-10; Dong-Jung (Chnai bi P. Resmuseen (Den) 15-7, 15-5 Finet Dong bi Hoyer-Larsen 17-14, 15-11. Womant: Semi-finals: C. Martin (Den) bi Lite Joothyun (S Kort 11-0, 7-11, 11-5, Ye Zheoying (China) bi S Sugarit (Indo) 5-17, 11-3, 11-3. Final: Martin bi Ye 9-12, 11-6, 11-5.

BASKETBALL BUDWESSER LEAGUE: Sheffeld 93 Crystal Palece 61; London Towers 79 Derby 78, Newcasse 109 Themes Valley 74; Laropards

110 LA Lakers 84; New Jersey 100 Boston 91; Alleries 90 Toronto 79; Merril 113 Mirriesota 108; Portiand 94; New York 80; Lath 120 Denver 103; LA Clippes 105 Sen Antonio 91; Seatale 106 Vencouver 92.

BOWLS

BENEFICIOE: English Bowling Federation national indoor champtoméripe: Semifinale: Singles: J Newson (Northernptonshire) bi / Wasses (Nortok) 21-3; C claims (Northernptonshire) bi / Wasses (Nortok) 21-3; C claims (Northernptonformaride paties) bi A Hoston and Newson (Northernpton-bire) bi A Hoston and Newson (Northernpton-bire) bi A Bareti and N Cutts (Humbersche) 18-17; A Bareti and N Cutts (Humbersche) 18-18-16 (Singles Der 18-17; N Putter, P Talleys, & Machael (Durbarn) bi B Garside, S Morgen, G Devideon (Cleseland) 24-4.

CS (NSUFANCE) WELSH INDOOR NAT-

N Fictor, P Talleck, & Michael (Derham) bz
B Gatridia, & Morgam, & Devideon (Clevelard) 24-4.
CS (INSUPANCE) WELSH INDOOR NATCOMAL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (or Swinsea and Ogor): Pist round: D Harding and
J Greenstade (Cardiff) bt D Turvey and D
Prize (Dhallun) 25-15; W Philips and R
Weele (Radrocative) bt A Biddle and P
Gatespie (Seaband) 28-12; N Rese and B
Forget (Lanelli) bt A Thomas and B
Powel (Port Talbod) 1912; A Righty and R
Prize (Marthyr Tyth) bt A Bradford and J
McCarity (Newport) 24-17; G Spiller and A
Withers (Fromotids) bt A Lewis and P Multics
(Jarrocoda) bt B D Gough (Swern
Valley) 31-12; R B Thomas and C McCines
(Tortaen) bt E Lloyd and W Bowen (Dinelwr)
31-7; B Device and P Cappertur (Herry
Tythis) bt B Hughas and M Water (Lemell)
251-12; J Powies and P Cappertur (Herry
Tythis) bt B Hughas and M Water (Lemell)
251-12; J Powies and P Cappertur)
18-17; I and G Williams (Pernbrokeshlre) bt S Rees
and R Morgan (tho drift) bt E Hughes and
H J Lansdris (Torfaen) 21-14; 8 Tifornas and
H J Lansdris (Torfaen) 21

Price to Thomas and Tumer 24-7; Sulhein and Hilliams to Rumsey and Hemis 21-17. CRICKET

SHEFFELD SHELD: From Perfit (bust) day of five) Observiend 220 and 309 (T J Strictly 111, S G Law 72, T M Moody 4-76); Western Australia 165 and 165-5 (Moody 65

TOUR MATCH: Bridgetown (second day of street budans 210 (A D Jadeya 90, D Marshall 5-62); Batados 338-4 (S L Narshell 6-52): Barbardos 336-4 (S. L. Campbell 97).
HED STREPE CUP (final day of four): HED STREPE CUP (final day of four): HED STREPE CUP (final day of four): 119) and 283-2 (C. B. Lamber 139). N Degroot 63) firm/dad and Tobago 413 (P. V. Shrmons 116, D. Gange 54, I.P. Bishop 50). Narch drawn. St. Catherine, Jameica: Jamaica: 156 and 337-9 dec. Leeward blands 146 and 37 (F. A. Rose 5-38). Jameica: won by 251 rens.

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: Winners: Europa two-day (Meonstoka, Mampahira, 145 5 miles): M Pidiritord (Brough Wheelerst) 8:05:22. Romford-Hartow (135tm): 8 Reming (Cannons Sports: Cubs): 3:105:22. Ashfatt RC (Seleson, Notes, 60 miles): C Walfert (Tearn Insafert 222:39). 3codish: CU Gand Price series (first round, Rosneadt, 65 miles): R Moore (Sandy Walface Cycles): 3:20:21. Calder (Califor) (Malaceleid, 50 km): R Walfarson (Dimington RC): 1:13:20. Penzamor Wheelers (FAF Portresth; 21 miles): S Blake (St Budeaux CC): 50:58. Nighthand Sheeless): 1:50:50. Mortey First CC (Culloden, 35 miles): R Matthens (West Hightand Wheelers): 1:50:00. Mortey First CC (Culloden, 35 miles). K Jackson (RAF CC): 1:30:44.

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group: Costa Rica 3 United States 2 (in San
Jose). Author Zone: Group faur. Japan 1
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Dagerham and Redunidae v Bishop Auckland or Gloucester City. Woking v
Severage Extraction.

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saccond-leg des to be played on April 15;
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CIFFICIAL CORRECTION: Covernity v West

according to the payer on April 12 OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Coverity V West Ham United (Merch 22): Covertry's first goal has now been accredited as an own goal to Marc Reper and not Dion Dublin as previously stated.

ORLANDO, Plonde: Bey Hill Invitational: Leading finel scores (LS unless stated): 272: P Mickelson 72, 65, 70, 65, 275: S Appleta/(Aus) 73, 63, 70, 69 276: P Stewart 68, 70, 70, 67; M O'Mezer 72, 65, 63, 70; O Uresti 69, 67, 69, 71 277: M Bradeley 71, 69, 65, 65, L Faberts 70, 67, 70, 70; T Herror 70, 70, 65, 71, 70; T Woods 68, 73, 68; P Darmon 70, 70, 68, 71, 70; S B Herminger 70, 68, 73, 68; N Price (Zim) 70, 68, 73, 68; P Darmon 70, 70, 69, 70, 286; M Calcaveronia 71, 70, 72, 75; P Stanforwish 67, 70, 74, 68; D Martin 71, 68, 71, 70; J Morse 71, 69, 70, 70; C Penry 69, 71, 98, 72, 281; J D Balas 69, 70, 74, 68; J Maggert 70, 69, 74, 68; C Miortgonyaria (GS) 73, 68, 70, 72, 71, 283; C Panry (Aus) 72, 70, 69, 72, 284; V Sroph (Fig) 88, 72, 71, 72, 287; I Woosraam (GS) 70, 73, 76, 68, 289; N Feldo (GS) 71, 70, 73, 75,

HOCKEY SCUTTISH LEAGUE: Men: Piret division: Securitie: Manajeshili 1 Gondonans 2, MIM

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ICE HOCKEY 7 Swindon 8 (after overtime and penalties) 7 Swindon 8 (after overtime and penalties).
Kingston 3 Slough 2 (after overtime). NAGRITHESIN PREMIER LEAGUE File 16.
Blackburn 3: Passley 12 Whitley 11.
NATIONAL LEAGUE MHLL: Chicago 5
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LACROSSE

SHEPHEROS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Heaton Mersey Chescle 6, Humeiers 7 Boardman and cole 13; Poynton 12 Moothorps 11
TANACHE STANMORE: Women's home national match: Scotland 7 Wates 2.

MOTOR RALLYING

PORTUGUESE RALLY (leading positions after two stages): 1, T Medonen (Fin, Missubish) Ihr 22mm 32ee; 2, K Eriksson (Swe, Subern) 122-37: 3, F Lotx (Bel, Toyota) 123-37; 4, R Burns (GB, Missubish) 1:34-00; 8, R Medona (Por, Subaru) 1:34-28.

QUEEN'S CLUB: Public achooks doubles championships: Semi-Invals: Eton (G J Smith-Bingham and H JH Loudon) by Wellington (A J and J D Clows) 15-13, 15-4. 17-14, 15-1: Harrow (A Titcherrer-Benett and C J R Wilson) by Malvern (D E Hall and B C Bornford) 4-15, 15-10, 3-15, 15-5, 17-15, 15-11 Thant: Eton bt Harrow 4-15, 15-10, 3-15, 15-5, 17-15, 15-11. Second psea competition: Semi-finals: Chelerarham (S H Arnold and T M Hayle) bt Rugby (M Richards and J Diggines) 15-9, 7-15, 15-7, 15-11, 15-3; Torthridge (T Gordon and J Rowe) bt Wellington (J A Alexander and J S Campbell) 15-15, 15-10, 15-11, 15-13; 15-10, 15-15, 15-10, 15-15, 15-10, 15-15, 15-10, 15-15, 15-10, 15-15, 15-10, 15-15, 15-10, 15-15, 15-10, 15-15, 15-10, 15-15, 15-10, 15-15, 1

RUGBY LEAGUE

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RUGBY UNION

WORLD CUP: Qualifying rounds: Euro-pean zone; Pool three; Hound A: Lixem-bourg 16 Andorra 30 (in Lixembourg) American zone: Pool two; Round A: Behemas 3 Bermuds 24 (in Nassau). SAILING

BT GLORAL CHALLENGE Fourth leg (Sydney to Cape Town, Joshons as at 13:58 GMT yeaterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, Group 4 2,728; 2, Concert 2,757; 3, Global Tearmont 2,779; 4, Save The Children 2,780; 5, Tearlize Wave Wentor 2,787; 6, Commercial Union 2,825; 7, Motorola 2,850; 8, Odsan Rover 2,913; 9, 30cm 2,933; 10, Time 8, Tide 2,959; 11, Courtaulds international 2,998; 12, Nuclear Electric 3,009; 13, Health Insured II 3,054; 14, Pause To Remember 3,058

SPEEDWAY

SPEEDWAY STAR CUP: Skryg; = 47 SQUASH

9-2 ANTWERP: Woman's tournament: Semi-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt C Mitch (SAI 9-0, 9-7, 9-2; R Macree (Eng) bt J Transetd (Eng) 9-3, 9-1, 8-10, 6-9, 8-6. Final: Martin bt Macree 9-1, 9-10, 5-9, 9-2, 9-3

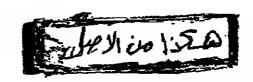
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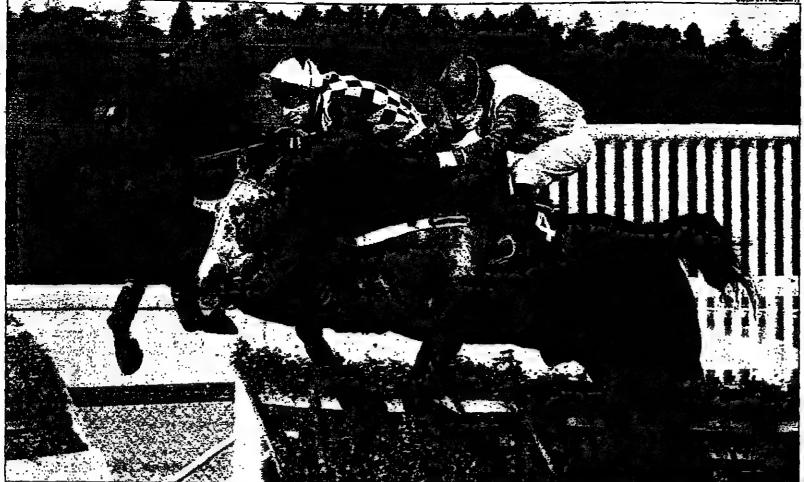
SWIMMING

CARDIFF: Speeds British Grand Proc Winners: Men: 50m freestyle. A Johnson (Cardiff) 24 30sec. 50m backstroke: A O'Connor (re) 27 25sec 50m backstroke: A O'Connor (re) 27 25sec 50m backstroke: A Mew (Sie of Wight) 29 02sec 100m backstroke: A Mew (Sie of Wight) 29 02sec 100m backstroke: A Prochedd (Birmangham) 57 41sec 100m breaststroke: A Ayes (Swarzsea) 1mm 05 42sec 100m backstroke: Buckwood 2mm 03 65sec 100m backstroke: Buckwood 2mm 03 65sec 100m backstroke: Buckwood 2mm 03 65sec 100m backstroke: Buckwood 2mm 02 67sec 100m backstroke: Backwood 2mm 05 66sec. 400m freestyle: G Hudson (Portsmouth Northsea) 1mm 54 84sec 100m breaststroke: Ayes 2mm 20 35sec 200m mediey: High 4mm 10 16sec 1 1800m treestyle: Smith 15nun 30 32sec. Women: 50m breaststroke: A Hammas (Manuell) 39 83sec 100m breaststroke: H Barnes (Manuell) 30 93sec 50m freestyle: S Wilkier (Ger) 25 78sec 100m backstroke: B Wilkier (Ger) 25 78sec 100m breaststroke: King 1mm 12 71sec 100m breaststroke: Roph 2mm 19 02sec. 200m mediey: S Nesbat (Portsmouth Northsea) 5mm od 10 5sec 400m freestyle: Honers 4mm (Stockport Metro) 2mm 15 46sec. 200m mediey: S Nesbat (Portsmouth Northsea) 5mm od 10 5sec 400m freestyle: Honers 4mm (Stockport Metro) 2mm 15 46sec. 200m mediey: S Nesbat (Portsmouth Northsea) 5mm od 10 5sec 400m freestyle: J Fawes (Stockport Metro) 8mm 54 66sec.

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Stription (Russ) 7-6, 6-1
Semi-finals: T Johanson (Swe) bit M Such (Ger) 6-3, 6-1, R Furlan (II) bit J Kroslak (Storakas) 6-3, 6-3
Finals: Johanson bit Furlan (III) bit J Kroslak (Russ) 6-3, 6-4



RACING: SOFT GROUND TEMPTS TRAINER TO RUN COLLIER BAY ON FLAT



The former Champion Hurdle winner, Collier Bay, far side, has an engagement on the Flat at Haydock Park on Saturday

Old explores level playing field maintain the good going, we

By Our Racing Staff

COLLIER BAY, the former champion hurdler, has an opportunity to demonstrate his versatility on the Flat at Haydock Park on Saturday. Jim Old has entered the sevenyear-old in the Daihatsu Conditions Stakes over two miles and, given the difficulty of finding suitably soft ground over hurdles, the trainer is strongly tempted to run.

They say the going is soft at Haydock but we'll have to see," Old said. "I would rather run him in the Welsh Champion Hurdle or at Liverpool but this could be his one chance to get soft ground.

"Unfortunately it comes two days before Chepstow and a week before Liverpool. How ant I supposed to know what the weather might do? We

2.00 (2m hde): 1, Diemond Beech (E. Cellaghen, 7-1), 2, Highland Way (11-2), 3, Court Johar (13-2), Helessealla 11-4 fav. 8 ran. 41, 41, G. Moore, Tota: 25.50, C2.50, E2.80, OF, E28.50, CSF: E38.52 Tricast; £227.78.

2.30 (2m toda) 1, Bold Suberment (N Bentley, 5-1); 2, Southern Cross (4-1), 3, EasterNe (12-1) Pentlend Squara 3-1 fav. 20 nen 134, dat. 6 Moore, Tota, 67.20; 22.10, 52.00, 54.20, DF: 58.60 Trio. 528.90 CSF: 524.12,

220 SGC (14 ch) 1. Bright Deeting (Mr O McPhel, 7-1). 2. Just For Ma (100-1). 3. Rusty Blade (12-1) Two For One 11-4 hav (pu) 13 ran 22). 144 J Golder Tote. \$2.80, \$2.40, \$13.30, \$3.40 DF \$205.70.

Trio not won (pool of £299.71 carried torward to 3.10 at Newcastle today) CSF. £490.72. Triceat: £7,229.41.

3.30 (2m 4l 110yd hdie) 1, Enchanted Cotsige (E Callaghan, 7-2 fav); 2, Makita De Musique (10-1); 3, Pappa Charle (8-1), 4, My Mitselle (20-1), 17 ran, NR:

Hexham

haven't given any thought to a discover whether the champi-jockey but, if he is well, why not run him?"

Collier Bay was pulled up in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham two weeks ago, having run just once in the buildup to the defence of his title. However, Old said: "The horse is fine. He has got more brains than his trainer because he wasn't prepared to stretch himself on that ground so he pulled himself up."

Collier Bay won over 14 miles on the Flat for John Gosden as a three-year-old but has not run on the level since a beaten favourite for a Newbury handicap for Old in April 1994.

Tony McCoy was left wondering yesterday whether he will be allowed to ride in the Martell Grand National. The Jockey Club is still trying to

4,00 (2m 110yd chj 1, Friendly Knight (A S Smith, 5-1); 2, Newtincoley (12-1), 3, Evernoler (9-4 lav) 11 ran NR: Coretor John, Dering Pest St, 3d J Heldans, Tote £8,10; £240, £140, £1,80 DF: £54.00, Trio: £41.40 CSF £54.48

4.30 (2m 4) 110yd hdie) 1, Parlah (P Nivan, 4-1), 2, Duke Of Pertin (7-2), 3, Chill Wind (9-2), Danbys Gorse 5-2 lev 8 ran NF: Keen To The Last 11, 23 M Tochunter, Totte, 24-30, 52,00, 51,70, 52-80, 0F, 59,70 Tho. £10.90 CSF, £17.48 Tribust £59.46

5.00 (2m fiet) 1, into The Stack (3 Lee 6-4 lay); 2, Lord Knows (12-1), 3, The Snow Burn (6-1); 19 nan NR Kt Smarte, Roman Cutlaw, 41, sh hd Mrs M Reveley, Tota: 2) 90, 21 20, 27 00, 21 80 DF: 233 10, Tho £40 40 CSF £22 00,

Jackpot: not won (pool of £2,555.01 carried forward to Newcastle today).

Placepot: £150,80. Quadpot: £26,30.

longer than a minute after a fall last week, which would rule him out of Aintree on Saturday week. "Investigations are still going on and it all depends on talks with the doctors and the ambulance

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MAFTOOL (4.15 Newcastle) Next best: Mister Drum (2.15 Sandown Park)

staff on the day." David Pipe, the Jockey Club director of public affairs, said.

Jockey Club rules state that a jockey should be suspended for a minimum of seven days if he suffers a short period of

2.10 (2m hdle) 1, Suranom (J F Tiley 8-15 tax, Thunderso's napp); 2, Little Shefford (3-1), 3, Worthy Memories (9-1) 7 ran 3), 6l. Mrs D Harre Tote £1 50 £1,20, £1,90 DF £1 70 CSF £2,27

2.40 (3m ch) 1, Captive Bay (5 Wynne 5-1): 2, Philatelic (11-4), 3, Fawley Flyer (4-6 lay), 5 ran 1), 61 Mrs A Hennt, Tote 63.20: 63.50, £1.30 OF £4.00 CSF £20.67.

2.10 (2m 5i 110yd hdis) 1, Frat Creck (S Wynne, 6-4 tav), 2, Drum Bettle (7-2) 3 One More Dime (8-1) 5 ran, 91 41 F Jordan Tote, £1 90, £1 50, £2 30 DF £2 30, CSF: £6 75

3.40 (2m oh) 1. Flohu (M Richards 7-2) 2. Coolleen Herd (11-2), 3. Fernwick (7-2) Super Sharp 11-4 (av. 7 ran. 11-1, 5) Mrs. L. Richardta Tote 9.4 60 £1.90, £1.90 DF £19.50 CSF £20.83

4.10 (2m 4) chi 1. Quite A Man (C. Maude 6-4), 2, Ryton Run (16-1); 3, Linia Roxley (25-1). Jofly Boat 5-4 lay (pu): 6 ran 164

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Ludlow

Going: good to tirm

unconsciousness. However, if McCoy is found to have been knocked out for more than a minute, the spell on the sidelines will be 21 days.

McCoy had been expected to return on Saturday, having been stood down for ten days after a fall at Uttoxeter last Tuesday. But, as a result of reports that he was unconscious for almost three minutes, he must wait to discover whether his absence will be extended.

Course officials at Aintree have deferred plans to water the course after two nights of drizzle. "About six millimetres of rain have fallen and a damp atmosphere has helped prevent moisture loss," Charles Barnett, the clerk of the course, said, "We will liaise with the Met Office and, if we do not have sufficient rain to

21:4 S Brookshaw Tote 12:80; £1:60. £2:70 DF £20:00 CSF £19:64

4.40 (5m 2) 110yd hdie) 1, Sammorello (C Llewellyn 10-11 (gv. Private Handi-

capper's top name) 2, Fastin Gold (6-11, 3, Copper Coll (11-4) 5 nam 3-51, 121 N Twisjon-Davies Tote, £1 70, £1,10, £2 20 DF £2 40 CSF £6.36

2.20 (1m 4) 1, Ningadown Trb. (R Perham, 5-6 lev), 2, Tracks OI My Taars (7-2) 3 Mirror Four Sport (2-1) 3 ren 3-1, 1-1 G L Moore Tole £150 DF £250 GSF £358

Placeport: £127.00

Quadpot: £16.80.

Going: Blandard

Lingfield Park

bi. 10t, C Cyzer Tote: \$4.80; £1.50, £1.60, £1.60, DF £5.40, CSF; £17.47. Tricael £100 29 3.50 (1m 2) 1, Sweet Supposin (L Deticri, 9-4 fav), 2, No Specches (9-1); 3, Tatulah Beile (11-2) 10 ran '41, sh hd. C Dwyer, Tote, 53 (0; £1 50, £2.20, £1 70, DF £14.80, Trio: £223 40 CSF £25 12, Tricast, £101 01.

will water as necessary."

imposed over the running of

Polden Pride last week. Train-

er Toby Balding, jockey Barry

Fenton and the gelding's two

joint-owners are appealing

against the Exeter stewards'

finding that the running of

Polden Pride last Wednesday

After the gelding had fin-ished second in the Heavitree

Handicap Chase it was ad-

judged that he had not been ridden to obtain his best

possible placing. Fenton was banned for eight days, Bald-

ing fined £1,000 and Polden

Pride suspended from racing

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breached Rule 151.

for 30 days.

4.20 (7) 1. Barbason (Candy Morra, 4-11; 2. Chaselown Flyer (20-1), 3, Spencer's Revenge (3-1 lay) 8 ran NRT-Superiso, Nd. 194, G. L. Moore. Tole £4.90; C1.70, £2.60, £1.10 DF £58.80 Trio: E182.50 (part won Pool of £115.73 carried lorward to 3.10 at Newcastle today) CSF; £75.71

4-50 (6f) 1. Waypoint (T Sprake, 9-1); 2. Apolio Red (9-1), 3. Rotley Sprinsy (9-2) Sharp Imp 9-4 lav. 10 ran NR: Neile North, Nr. 154. R Charton: fore 28 90; 22 90, 24 40, 21 30, DF: £75 40, Tno. 2560 80 (part won Pool of 180.75 canad loward to 3.10 at Newcasattle loday), CSF-C91 71 Tricast 5393.74 2.50 (Im) 1, Assume (D Holland, 8-11 lav) 2 Here's To Howle (2-I), 3, Farley Mount (100-30), 4 ran NR Juggler 7, 2h J Hills Tote £1.50 DF £1.40 CSF £2.71 3.30 (5m) 1 Castlee Burning (L Dettorl, 3-1), 2 Mendoza (5-1), 3, Skelton Sovereign (8-1) Baby Jane 5-2 tav 8 ran Duradoot: \$12.50.

SANDOWN PARK

2.15 Mister Drum. 2.50 Stately Home. 3.20 Brackenfield, 3.55 DENVER BAY (nap). 4.30 Norse Raider, 5.00 True Steel.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 GALZIG.

Carl Evans: 5.00 True Steel.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM 2.15 GUNNER HERITAGE CAMPAIGN NOVICES

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4 6553 MINORIAN EXPRESS 18 (5) 6 Balding 9-12-5 J Thatcher (7) 70
5 5-35 SOMOFAGIPSY 22 (0.5.6) J Delesse 13-12-1 A Wood (7) 84
@ P265 TAUREAN TYCOON 10P (F.G.S) D Wasans 13-12-5 B Logan (7) -
7 UP/2 KEW GNOST 16P (V,S) & Galdines 12-12-0 O Blanced (7) -
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9 -PPS MAJOR MAC 19 D WITHOUTS 10-11-10 E Andrews (7) -
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3.00 birmingham novices chase

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3.30 LONDON HANDICAP CHASE

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3.55 ALANBROOKE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

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4.30 ROYAL STAR AND GARTER HOME (£4,046 2m) (5)

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(Amateurs: £1,576: 2m 4l 110yd) (6) | 1 -412 | DRIVING FORCE 22 (B.F.G.S) Mrs H Mabby 11-12-5 | A Charles-Jones (7) | 84 |
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3 | PUPO | GREAT POKEY 6 (F.S) Mrs N Counterny (12-11-12 | Mrs N Counterny (7) |
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M. Ploe. 11 winners from 63 runners. 17.5%; J Grilord. 22 from 147, 15 0%; N. Bailey. 7 from 55, 12.7%, G Bailding, 7 from 68, 10.3%; R Howe. 3 from 30, 10 0%. JDCXEYS. R Dunwoody, 32 from 118, 29 1%, C Ward Thomas. 5 from 20, 25 0%. R Johnson, 3 from 16, 18,6%. O Ellwood, 3 from 19, 15,6%, W Marsion, 5 hom 37, 13,5%, D O'Sullivan, 3 hom 23, 13 0%.

Papua, the Ian Balding-trained colt, takes his first step on the Derby trail in the Milcars Easter Stakes at Kempton on Saturday. The colt, winner of the valuable Tattersalls Houghton Sales Stakes at Newmarket last October, is the mount of Pat Eddery.

4.05 MANCHESTER NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES

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4-5 Peace Lord, 5-1 Stone To Speek, 6-1 Steer Polot, 8-1 Tursal, 10-1 Prozek, 12-1 Dry Hill Lad, 16-1 others

4-25 JET BOYS 122 (BF.B) Mrs. J Pilmen 7-11-5... D Lenity 1935 IEAP IN THE DARK 13 Mrs. L Sedal 8-11-5... A Thorston 49 PERSAN ELITE 35 Egenton 6-11-5... M A Pitrgurald PR. RYDER CAP 49 N Headerson 6-11-5... M A Pitrgurald

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5.10 dublin standard open national hunt

HURDLE (£2,295, 2m 4(110vd) (8)

4.40 GLASSOW MAIDEN HURDLE

(\$2,026: 3m 110yd) (4)

PLAT PLACE

(£1,131: 2m) (8)

2.25 Father Sky. 3.00 Gimme. 3.30 Lake Of Loughrea, 4.00 Peace Lord. 4.40 Ryder Cup. 5.10 Charlie Ksay.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.25 NEWCASTLE HANDIGAP CHASE (£3,668: 3m 110yd) (3 runners)

4-9 Fether Sky, 7-2 Zambos Spirt, 4-1 Trumpet

(£3,095: 2m) (9)

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949° COPPER CABLE ES C Synth 10-11-2 Mr Changer
FIPS GAMLE 24 (V.F.G.) J. O'Stee 7-11-2 Michael Brecone (3)
59° P. REFLAND FLARE 13 (G) A Regionate 8-11-2. P Hooley (5)
60° J.ONJAS CHUDLEIGH 22 (G) R Frest 10-11-2. Mr R Armson
40° SANTARAY 20 (G.S.) T Donnelly 11-11-2. Mr R Armson
40° SANTARAY 20 (G.S.) T Donnelly 11-11-2. Mr R Armson
40° GARGINES LINE SS (G) P Resument 6-10-11 Gary Lyons
90° DASH 10 THE PHONE 65 K Margon 8-10-8. A R Sonta

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6-4 Mayday Leuren, 3-1 Mary Leader, 7-2 Bullymacool, 5-1 Charle Kesy, 16-1 Coordu At Midhight, Community Service, 20-1 whens. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J O'Shen, 11 wieners from 35 numers, 33.8%, Mrs.-D Haine, 3 from 9, 33.3%, K Morgan, 5 hom 19, 31.6%; W 6 M Turner, 4 from 15, 28.7%; O Sherwood, 8 hom 25, 24.0%; S Lineallyn, 3 from 13, 23.1%.

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Julian Pritchard is one of four riders at the head of the men's championship after a win on Scarlet Berry at the Sir WW Wynn's meeting on Sunday (Carl Evans writes). The mare's victory in the 34-mile intermediate race took Pritchard to 11 winners for the season, level with Jamie Jukes, Tim Mitchell and Simon Sporborg. Water lying on the track at Clyst St Mary caused the late abandonment of the Mid Devon meeting.

SOUTH WOLD (Brockleeby Park); Hunt: 1, Springfield Pet (K Needham), Confirmd, 1, Ways And Means (K Green, 6-1), 2, Tobri Brorse); 3, Spring Call, 8 ran Lucker 1, London Hill (Miss H Irving); 1, Another Hooligan (Mrs F Needham); 3, Killimor Lied.

5 ran, Land Nover Open 1, The Point is (M. Hewitt, 3-1); 2, Wind Fooce, 3, Wild Basson, 6 ran, Feest 1, White Builet (B. Policox, 12-1); 2, Give It A. Winit, 3, Pajerg Cuest 14 ran, Mchr. 1, Tistenumber (B. Watter, 9-4), 2, Cheste Ben, 3, Springheld Res. 8 ran

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 MAFTOOL (nap).

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2.35 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BACKWORTH MAIDEN STAKES

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3.10 CULLERCOATS HANDICAP (£2 869 tm 2i 32yd) (18 runners)

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3.40 KILLINGWORTH SELLING STAKES

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4.15 HOLYSTONE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,339, 1m) (7 runners)

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4.50 MONKSEATON SPRINT HANDICAP (£3,436 5f) (14 runners)

Long handicap, Magit Lake 7-8. BETTING: 5-1 Able Sherif, 6-1 Captum Carat 7-1 Surprise Mission, Express Cit., 10-1 Annon, Insider Trader, Rater 12-1 Grand Chapeau, Swort Magn., 14-1 Class The Bornier, Present 'N Cornest, 16-1 offers 1996, STOLEN KISS 4-9-1 K Contey (12-1) M W Easterby 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

INSIDER TRADER 215th of 8 to Palacogusto Jack in a rating related stakes at Redear (5) good to firm) SURPRISE MISSION 7551 11th of 17 to Sudfod in a hardisea of Pontatras 15, good) with CAPTAN CARAT 15:114th BLESSINGHIDISGUISE 35:15th handcap at Nawcasie (5), good to Brat) with N-SIDER TRADER (5th better off) 4941 10th and STEPELSONS ROCKET (4th better off) 21 18th. STEPENSONS ROCKET (4th better off) 21 18th.
KALAR SI oth of 9 to Bold Frontier in a headicap at
Wolventrangian (SI, AM), AMRION neck 2nd of 20
to Leading Princess in a handicap at Newcaste (61,
good to firm) with GRAND CHAPEAU (3th better
off) 4'all 11th and PRESSNT 'N CORRECT (2th
better off) 6'd-16th.
Selection: KALAR Gental 1991 14th DLESSENGHILLSSOURCE 3921 901 of 13 to Fazangy Lass in a rating related states at York (61, good) penultimate start. EXPRESS GERL head and 11 3nd of 17 to Sands in a nursely at Capteric (19 good) penultimate start. ARLE SMEP-IFF 17 and huy necks 48t of 18 to Sauted in a

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opurse and distance senser. BF — bester two-rite in letect race) Going on which have has won (F — firm, good to Sim, hard & — good 8 — mill, good to solt, heavy). Owner in brackets Trainer Age and weight. Richer plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's taling.

5,20 EARSDON HANDICAP

BETTBIG: 4-1 Road Recer, 5-1 All On. 8-1 Stoloyr, Losats. 10-1 Quaque, Turgenev. 12-1 Double Quali, Royal Cotzen, 16-1 Captain Marrostotia, Ellia Birst. 20-1 Hard Love, La Briet, 25-1 others. 1996; ARIAN SPERIT 5-8-0 L Charnock (8-1) J Eyre 17 rate FORM FOCUS

DPACINE has after their Feathern share-hand in a 10-runner handscap at Newhork 140 page 110-runner page 114 page 114

COURSE SPECIALISTS

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NEWCASTLE: 5:20 Double Dash SANDOWN PARK: 3:20 New Ghost SOUTHWELL: 3:30 Too Sharp. 4:40 Jet Boys.

Dettori double

FRANKIE DETTORI completed a 12-1 double on the ailweather at Lingfield yesterday, winning on Sweet Supposin and Castles Burning. He is now unbeaten in five rides on the Chris Dwyertrained Sweet Supposin, who has not won for any other

jockey in his last 23 starts.



TENNIS: SWISS PRODIGY MAKES THOUGHTFUL PROGRESS AS SUCCESSION OF MEN'S SEEDS CONTINUE TO FALL BY THE WAYSIDE

Hingis gets head start over young pretenders

IN KEY BISCAYNE

IT WOULD appear, in wornen's tennis at least, that if you want to get ahead, get a haircut, While Venus Williams rattles her beaded locks. and Anna Kournikova swishes her blonde pony-tail, the neatly coiffured Martina Hingis continues her regal progress through the rounds at the Lipton championships and onwards towards the No I

ranking.
On Sunday night Hingis taught Williams a lesson in playing tennis with the grownups, beating the exuberant young American 6-4, 6-2 it was a battle of mind over muscle and the younger play-

Lipton results .

 by three months — won by a head. "I was thinking a lot because I knew I was not himing the ball as well as I have in the other tournaments and, mainly, I won with my head," Hingis said.

She came to the post-match press conference clutching one of Williams's hair beads that she had found on the court. "it's one of Venus's pearls," she said with a grin. When it came to pearls of wisdom, however, they all came from Hingis. Williams was saying little about the result. No, she was not aware that the match had any importance in the general scheme of things: yes. she had had fun; and, yes, she was over the loss already. Her

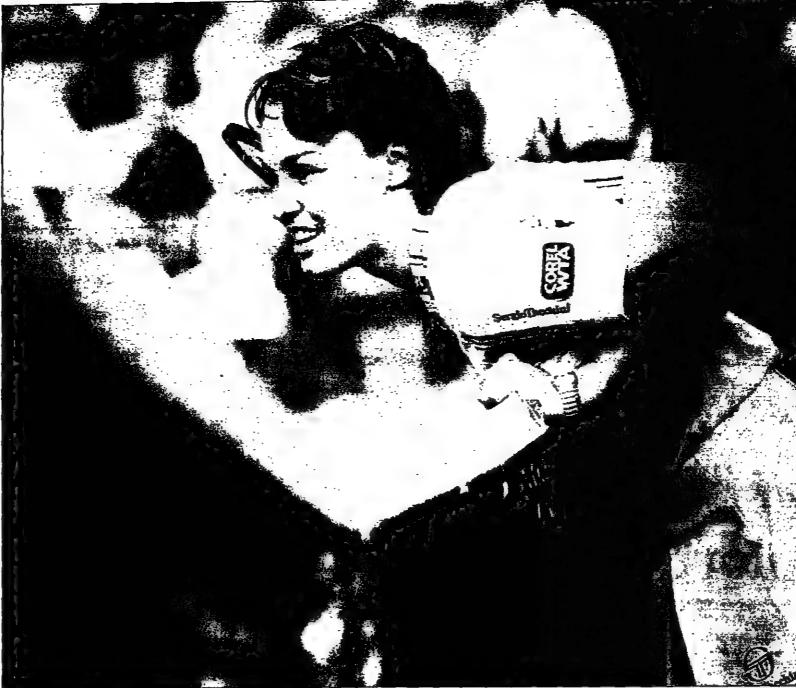
made a lot of mistakes and I lost the match." As to the future, Williams sees her main rival as Serena, her sister, but until she arrives on the tour. Hingis will do as a stopgap

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All of this came as something of a surprise to Hingis. "That's a lot of self-confi-dence," she said. "I don't have that much self-confidence from winning one match. If she would play more matches. she would know what to do in particular points or games. She really doesn't know where the ball is going to go."
Hingis, on the other hand,

has always known where she is going. Her first grand-slam title at Wimbledon last year the women's doubles alongside Helena Sukova marked a turning-point. The girlish pony-tall was shorn and Hingis looked years older. Growing stronger physically, her game belied her years, or lack of them, and she finally won her first title in the autumn. This year she has gone 22 matches unbeaten.

Given the hype surrounding the young names at the Lipton this year, Hingis knows where her priorities lie. Williams is good but too inexperienced to matter. Kournikova. still only 15, is not allowed to play enough tournaments to cause a problem. Hingis has left the young hopefuls behind and is more concerned with the establishment. "You don't want to lose to somebody who is the same age as you are, who is usually the worse player," she said. "But it's hard to talk about these girls



Net discord: Hingis stretches to make her point during a discussion with a line judge in her match against Williams in Key Biscayne

because I am much more worried about the other players than those two, who are not on the tour all the time."

it has been an odd sort of week in Florida. The women have monopolised the headlines, while in the men's draw, the seeds have been forming an orderly queue at the airport, looking for an early flight home. Andre Agassi,

Michael Chang. Thomas Enqvist, Felix Mantilla. Enqvist, Wayne Ferreira. Marc Rosset. Albert Costa, Alberto Berasategui and Tim Henman have all gone, but nobody seems to have noticed.

Thomas Muster is still flying the flag for the seeds. however, demolishing Tommy Haas 6-1, 6-2 yesterday. This has not been the happiest

according to Nick Wil

son, the controller of chil-

dren's programmes and sport

for the new terrestrial tele-

vision channel, which begins

transmission on Sunday. And

he is not just talking about the

prominent position given in

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Although the flagship

sports programme, Turn-

style, a two-part pre-

view/review to start and

finish the weekend, will re-

flect mainstream issues, an

all-night programme entitled

Live And Dangerous, broad-cast from Sunday to Thurs-

day, will, in addition to two

nights devoted to the great

American summer game,

include "extreme sports" such

as snowboarding, surfing

and windsurfing, as well as

motor sport and football from

the United States and Brazil.

After the World Series, which

will be shown live, space in

the schedules may be filled by

"a muscle night", Australian

summer sports and even fly

Unfortunately, perhaps, J. R. Hartley will not be a

guest summariser; he would

not fit the channel's demo-

graphics, which Wilson

described as "youthful in attitude, if not in years."

before adding "plus mums

and dads up late with

Wilson's expertise is in

children's television, but his

ideas about sport were inno-

of Major League Baseball.

of hunting grounds for Mus-ter. In 1989 he had just broken into the top ten for the first time and reached the final when he was hit by a drunk driver as he loaded his bags into the back of his car. The accident wrecked his knee and nearly ended his career.

Certainly it has restricted

grind on the hard court circuit. At the same time his clay-court success earned him little but insults in the United States. Not that Muster ever feels be has anything to prove. He just keeps his head down, powers his way through the opposition and lets everyone else do

That is what Arantta San-

Channel 5 counting on pitcher

power to strike out opposition

times have changed. Yesterday she was beaten 6-0, 7-5 by Sandrine Testud, of France, a low the former world champiall started to go wrong last

Channel 4's introduction of

American football, if not

more. "We will have a base-

bell strand in our main

children's magazine pro-

gramme and flag our night-

time coverage there," he said.

"We're getting involved in Major League Baseball's

school coaching scheme, and

will have a segment dedicated to baseball, with an attempt to

educate an audience to enjoy

the game. My feeling is that haseball will do very well

because it is very good tele-

vision. It's theatrical and on

television that drama comes

across. A lot of Channel 5 will

be a slow burner, particularly

as the roll-out to homes goes

is 5 winning back live cover-

age of leading sporting events

for terrestrial television if

whole areas of the country

(the Meridian television re-

gion, for one), cannot receive

suggestion. "There's nothing

to stop us sub-licensing a

major event to Meridian, or

BBC South. I would be open

to that, if it's in an area where

we aren't. The channel's

branding will be strong

enough for us to be less

territorial than some of the

Wilson has a radical

There is the rub. What use

on through the year."

The last part of Turnstyle

in their marketing.

woman ranked 26 placed beon, at No 29. Sánchez Vicario has made a habit of losing. It year when she reached nine finals but could only win two of them. So far this year a final

Africans Ingle make Brown go distance

THE world cross-country changes are likely to bear. ented next year. Printly Neighby the president of the Interdistrict America Africa in Poleration (IAAF), waste short-course and long-course races for poen and women. But as Panda Radeliffe, from Britain; said on Sunday, after finishing second in the senior women's race here, who then

shall we call the world cross-

country champion? Perhaps either Radeliffe or Derarto Tulu, her conquerer from Ethiopia, can keep it simple by winning both races, one on each day of the weekend in Marrakesh. Both indicated here that they would try, Radcliffe's presence will be essential to keep alive European interest. The two junior races, and the senior men's, have become African processions. The senior women's event, though Kenya and Ethiopia have won all the gold medals for the past three years, at least still sees EuroReferee 10 ba

Healy

The IAAF, assuming its council backs Nebiolo's plan, is likely to keep the king distance for men much as it is now and introduce a short course of perhaps three kilometres, This, Nebiolo hopes, would attract athletes such as Hicham El Guerrou

and Noureddine Morcell. It could introduce world championships at umpteen distances, but, until there is one in excess of 20 kilometres. or cross country returns to a combination of hills and mud, the Africans will dominate. The Kenyan senior men have been team champions for 12 years, the juniors for ten. The junior women's team title has never gone outside Kenya or Ethiopis

Do not be fooled by the Belgian who finished fifth here in the senior men's race. Mohamed Mourhit is a Moroccan who married a Belzian. Perhaps Britain's best



Brown: marathon move

hope of a future senior contender rests with the two Somali runners who won the junior and intermediate races at the English Schools this month. "It has got to the point where the race is struggling to be sustainable because of African domination." Jon Brown, from Britain, the European

champion, said. Brown finished fourteenth behind 12 Africans, Now there is only one route open to him. he believes, to global success because they dominate the 10,000 metres just as much. Brown is pinning his hopes on the marathon. He will miss the track world championships in Athens in August and though his decision is connected to him becoming a father, it clears the way for his first marathon in the autumn, probably in Chicago.

There is no doubt they (the Africans) have a physiological advantage up to ten kilometres, or maybe even halfmarathon but, after that, things start to even out and you rely more on your preparation than you do natural talent." Brown said. "If I am ever to get a medal in the Olympics, the marathon is the best chance I have."

Brown said, in his typically blunt way, that he was "not really impressed" with any present-day marathon runners, that there was "a lot of room at the top to do well". He said he thought he would be better than Martin Fiz, from

Spain, the world champion. The first city-centre world cross-country course, at the Parco del Valentino, was praised, for the most part, by athletes, coaches and speciators. As Nebiolo spoke of Hyde Park, London, and Centrai Park, New York, as future venues he favours for world championships, cross country. as the traditionalists would

like, appeared to be dead. Britain, though, is doing better than the rest of Europe. Fourth in the women's team race and sixth in the men's, the combined result left the senior squad behind only Kenya and

ROWING

Weigh-in offers few clues to outcome of Boat Race

BY MIKE ROSEWELL

THE weigh-in Hurlingham Club yesterday did little to clarify who will win the Boat Race on Saturday. Cambridge scaled 14st 24 lb to Oxford's !4st !4slb.

The scales surprised some present because Oxford do have the slightly beefier look. but the Cambridge No 5 man, Alex Story, the Great Britain international, helps to raise the Cambridge average by weighing in at lost, making him the heaviest man this

The crews this year are the tallest, with Cambridge averaging 6ft 54 in to Oxford's 6ft 45 in. Watching them in their first outings of the week yesterday, they are certainly using their long levers to good

There is little doubt that the 1997 crews are exceptional technically. René Mijnders. the Dutch Oxford coach, considers that his men are "technically at the same level" as



Seturday, 4 10pm TV: Grandstand (BBC1) TIMES OF OUTINGS TODAY

his Holland crew that won the Atlanta Olympics. He said: "I am not saying that this crew would win the Olympics, since they have a little lack of

It is not, however, power alone that wins 44-mile Boat Races. Cambridge have proved this twice in their past four wins and particularly last year, when they rowed well and Oxford raced well. Harry Mahon, the New Zealander, has again arrived to watch,

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

CAMBARDGE UNIVERSITY
Bow, D. Cassidy (Strewsbury and Trinity-Hall) 13st Blvib, 2, R. Pinn (Methodist, Bellest and Downing) 13et 5½b; 3, E. Ayer (Phillips Academy, Herward, and St. Edmund's) 15et 6b; 4, B. Cromble (MoSB Lintwersity and Peterhouse) 14st; 10½b; 5, A. Story (Hentey and St. Edmund's) 16st; 8, A. Watson (Cavendish and Sidney Sussay) 13st 6b; 7, D. Matharp (Eton and Trinity Hell) 13et, 6b; Stroke, J. Ball (King's, Chester and Robinson) 13st 2b; Cox, K. Whymnan (King's, Chester and Peterhouse) 7b; 13b.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Bow, J Roycroft (Elon and Kabin) 13st 7lb; 2, C Humphreys (Hampton and Onel) 12st 8lb; 3, N Riobinson (Hampton and Lincoln) 13st 9lb; 4, A Lindssy (Elon and Brasenose) 14st 2lklb; 5, R Blanda (University of Washington, Sastale and Brasenose) 15st 6lb; 6, L Grubor (Matematicka Girmin, Zagrab, Imperial College and Somerville) 15st 9lb; 7, J Inving (T C Williams HS, Yele and Kabie) 13st 10b; Grotiss, T Foster (Bedford Modern, University of London, and St Chresh 13st 11klb; Cate C Gresoney St Cross) 13st 11½b; Cox, P Greatiey (Abingdon and St Edmund Hell) 8st 7½b.

and coach, the Cambridge fine-tuning. He considers the crew to be "similar to last year. Man to man, you would not rate them too much, but as a unit, they are pretty fast."

To please those who dislike old Boat Race crews, there is a younger look to the line-ups this year. James Roycroft and Nick Robinson, the Oxford bow and No 3 men, are teenagers and Andrew Lindsay celebrates his twentieth birthday today. Roberto Blanda, 26, the first Italian to achieve Boat Race selection, and Tim Foster, 27, a bronze medalwinner at the Olympic Games at Atlanta, raise the average of Oxford, who have four post-

graduates on board. Cambridge, with two postraduates, have no teenagers, David Cassidy and Roger Pim. 21, being the youngest. The Cambridge elders are Ethan Ayer, their American president, and Brad Crombie. the Canada international, who

Cambridge favourites with the bookmakers, but of the 250,000 people who have so far accessed the Internet for a virtual Boat Race competition, 55 per cent have gone for Oxford, 45 per cent for Cambridge.

Ideas may become clearer today when the crews will undertake harder work. Oxford have a contest against their old Blues and Cambridge are doing two fiveminute rows on their own.

the man aiming a curve ball at the

big-hitters among the ranks of rival

television stations

vative enough for it to be added to his brief. "I come to sport with a completely open mind. but I have strong views on the studio stuff: that's where I think 5 can do something different," he said. Despite a limited budget,

which will restrict sports coverage in the main evening schedules to "particular events that we decide to cherry-pick", Wilson has already pulled off one coup in securing exclusive live coverage of the Poland v England World Cup qualifying match in May, when the "something different" will be on view. This is Saturday night peaktime on a mainstream channel," he said. "The pre sentation will be a mix of serious preview and analysis

and a lighter element." Half of the studio will be turned into a sports bar, attended by supporters as well as players and celebrity guests, including a panel of past players from previous matches with Poland. "We recognise that football fans are serious about the game, but we will have more players present than you would nor-

- TODAYS FOTURES

maily have." Wilson said. How did he manage to snatch such a prime game from under the noses of the BBC and BSkyB? "I'd like to pretend I'd made lots of secret phone calls in darkened hotel rooms, but it wasn't like that. It was offered to us, we bid what it was worth to the channel and we got it. It's partly the advantage of a complete ignoramus doing snort: my door has been open to every distributor in the country and perhaps I've talked to them in a different Way."

The budget will not allow consistent bidding against the more established channels, but Wilson believes that 5's position as a maverick will be its strength. "We'll keep our eyes open and see what events come up,' said. "Some won't be offered to us: most of the things we can bid for will be events abroad with UK interest, but one or two things we've got up our sieeve will surprise a

few people." For the time being, how-ever, baseball will be the

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTES LEA-GUE: Premier division: Politic + Wintess Stachalons: Stocked + St Nacto: Wintess + Desborough. LINEART SUSSEX COUNTY LENGUE: Final

others are." Persuading the competition to play ball may be the biggest test so far of Wilson's pitching skills.

MOTOR RALLYING

championship leader from Great Britain, was forced to Impreza.

land, driving a Mitsubishi, took over the lead after the ninth special stage. He leads Kenneth Eriksson, from Sweden, by four seconds, with Freddy Loix, of Belgium, third. Richard Burns, from

Mitsubishi, is fourth.

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McRae's

race ends COLIN McRAE, the world

retire from the Portuguese Rally during the sixth special stage yesterday when the brakes failed on his Subaru

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Carlos Sainz, the former

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(Pistes well-groomed and skiing well)

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain

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Rotherham v Glilingham (7.
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Third division Doncaster v Rochdale Auto Windszmern Shield Northern area final, second leg

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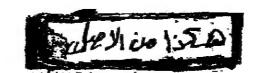
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world champion, from Spain, was forced to pull out with gear box troubles in his Ford Escort

Ethiopia, Only.



Single-handed effort turns the tide of public opinion



Goss: relentless

ete Goss can expect a lot of public recognition when he gets back to England next week. There will be a reception when he sails Aqua Quorum into Plymouth, after which he is scheduled to receive several prizes in honour of his bravery and seaman-ship during the Vendée Globe race. including one from the Royal

Ocean Racing Club. This is all very well, but when Goss really needed help in Britain - and he tried relentlessly to get it - he was hard pushed to find anyone willing to support him in attempting one of the greatest feats of mankind, a single-handed nonstop circumnavigation of the world. Even in the hours after he stepped ashore in France on Sunday, with the cheers of the huge

local crowd still ringing in his ears,

Goss described the year before he set off as the hardest of his life. Not even the rescue of Raphael Dinelli in the Southern Ocean could match the difficulties of trying to raise

money in Britain. He even admitted, for the first time, that it was only six days before the race started that he was sure he would be able to take part, 3M coming up with £10,000 to paper over the cracks. Goss set off with a £90,000 overdraft, his house sold and a 50ft boat in a race dominated by 60-footers, which he could not afford. His title sponsorship with Aqua Quorum, a British-owned subsidiary of a Spanish company, had been sold too cheaply, but Goss had no choice but to go for what was no offer what was on offer.

This is all the more frustrating when set against the fact that

Pete Goss's heroics could signal a sea change in British sailing, Edward Gorman says

single-handed sailing was pioneered in Britain by people just like Goss -- hard, determined, honourable and often with a military background. Yet, while the French adore and revere their many singlehanded racing sailors, the British seem reluctant to acknowledge them until they have been to hell and back.

While some in the sailing world denigrate him for his association with the "amateur" culture of the BT Global Challenge - he was a skipper in the first running of the race - Goss is far from an also-ran in professional sailing. In fact, the Vendee, in which he came fifth, is

the first significant race that he has entered in which he has not

finished in the top three. Goss's future in sailing certainly looks brighter than when he left. He has plans to take part in the Round Europe race this year and may consider another Vendée in a 60-footer. He is also interested in The Race at the turn of the century, an open contest for the fastest boat around the world.

There is, though, already considerable speculation that his future as a sportsman may lie more in Prance than in Britain, because he will find it so much easier to persuade a French company to

Let us hope this does not happen, that Goss not only gets the support he deserves in Britain but also reawakens the British - one of the greatest seagoing nations in history - to the merits of single-handed ocean racing as a sporting endeav-our and as one of the definate tests. of the human spirit.

Having feasted with Sir Francis Chichester, Sir Robin Knox-Johnsum and Chay Blyth, Britain has lost its way, surrendering the heartland of the sport and most of the races that originated in this country to the French, who developed a culture of sponsorship for sailing much earlier.

The omens are not all bad. Goss and Tony Bullimore have made a large impact on the public con-

come up with a decent budget than sciousness and brought the romance and drama of solo roundthe-world racing into millions of living rooms. Any company director who takes even a passing interest will see that the potential pay-back is enormous. Technology makes the flow of information from yachts in the remotest parts of the globe almost instantaneous and it s going to get even better in the

> In the past few months the sponsorship scene has shown signs of improvement, with two huge institutional commitments to sailing from Silk Cut, for Lawrie Smith's Whitbread campaign and, more recently, the Royal Sun-Alliance backing of Tracey Edwards's attempt on the Jules Verne Trophy. Pete Goss must be next on

CRICKET: DONALD REIGNS SUPREME AS SOUTH AFRICA REGAIN PRIDE WITH VICTORY IN FINAL TEST MATCH

Referee acts to ban Healy for dissent

From Jack Bannister in centurion

CENTURION PARK fourth who did well to bounce back day of five): South Africa beat Australia by eight wickets

IAN HEALY, the Australia wicketkeeper and vice-captain, has been suspended for two matches for showing dissent after he was given out on the fourth day of the third Test match here. Raman Subba Row, the match referee, imposed the punishment that neans Healy will miss the one day internationals in East London, on Saturday, and

Port Elizabeth, on Monday. The incident came as Australia struggled to avoid an innings defeat in the growning session. Playing positively, Healy had scored 12 when a

the unit of the state of the second state of t Western Australia to keep wicket in the first protone day

matches. The incident overshadowed a fine victory by South Africa,

AUSTRALIA: Find hydrogs 227 (S R Waugh 67; 9 N Schultz 4 tos 52)

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-10, 5-28, 4-94, 5-59, 6-108, 7-131, 8-164, 9-184.

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after two defeats and two hammerings by media and supporters alike. Australia won their sixth series in succession, but in losing this match extended their run of Test matches without a draw to 17. They have lost seven of those, four in their past nine

What this final Test showed was that Australia are a good .side, but will not become a great one until they provide their impressive new-ball bowlers, Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie, with a reasonable third seamer. They got away with it in the first two Tests, thanks to Shane Warne and Michael Bevan, but with ball from Brett Scholtz was the latter ineffective in this taken down the leg side by much, the home batsmen David Richardson, the South, recovered from 262 for seven Africa wickeftlesper, The ball, to 384 all out to put themselves Median reach, bilithing a spectac-

batting recovery.

There was never a chance of considerable assistance to the faster bowlers on the fourth day and only Steve Waugh, voted man of the series, could cope with Allan Donald, the man of the match

The fast howler was magnificent, taking three of the six wickets to fall to give him five in the innings, eight in the match and 155 in 33 Tests. Only Hugh Tayfield is ahead of him, with 15 more wickets for South Africa in four more

FEET THOSE

SOUTH AFFRCA: First Innings 384 (A M Bacher 98, W J Cronie 79 not out, B M McMillen 56; G D McGrain 6 (or 88).

Second Innings

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-15.

Man of the therch: A A Donald.

Main of the series; S R Waugh.

Schultz reinforces the decision of umpire Mitchley to a disbelieving Healy. Photograph: Mike Hewitt / Allsport

Kenya troubled by Israel

THE status of Kenya as ICC Trophy favourites was called

joined Steve Waugh. Hansie Cronje, the captain, imaginatively paired Donald with Pat Symcox, the off spinner, and it worked when, bowling over the wicket, he bowled Bevan around his legs as the batsman attempted a sweep. At 108 for six a prelunch finish looked likely. After Healy's dismissal, at

Donald dismissed Greg Blewett with his fifth ball of

the morning - a thunderbolt

of true yorker length that

and meant that Australia were

down to their last two special-

ist batsmen when Bevan

131 for seven, the arrears were still 26, but Waugh and Warne got through to lunch with the completion of Waugh's 32nd Test 50 ensuring that South Africa would bat again. Back came Donald to dismiss Warne leg-before for 12 and, two balls later, york Gillespie. McGrath was bowled by Lance Klusener to leave a

target of 29. Opening batsmen are on a hiding to nothing in that sort of situation, and so it proved for Adam Bacher and Gary Kirsten. Bacher drove loosely to cover off Gillespie and Kirsten was caught at slip off Blewett.

eased them to a seven-wicket victory with a rapid 71 not out. into doubt yesterday by a spirited display from Israel on the first day of qualifying matches in Malaysia.

Israel, pummelled in the European championship last year by Scotland, managed a respectable 154 for eight from their 50 overs and then watched the team that conquered West Indies in the World Cup lose two wickets to run-outs before Steve Tikolo

Ireland, who play Kenya on Saturday, showed themselves to be serious contenders for one of the three World Cup places on offer as they racked up 278 for two and then dismissed Gibraltar for 86. Alan Lewis, the opening

batsman, carried his bat to score 127 not out, the highest score for Ireland in a one-day match, and Mark Patterson, of Surrey, took four for 22.

Asim Khan claimed a Trophybest seven for nine from 7.2 overs. The Africans were bowled out for 26 - comfortably beating the previous lowest score of 45 set by Israel,

ICC TROPHY DETAILS

Group A

Israel 154-8. Kenya 157-3 (31.2 overs) Kenya won by seven wickets Unuted States 229-8: Singapore 122-9 United States won by 106 runs. Iretand 278-2: Gibratiar 96 (32.2 overs) retand won by 192 runs.

Argentina 138. Bangladeath 142-5 (24 overs) Bangladeath won by five wickets. West Africa 72 (40.2 overs); UAE 73-3 (14 1 overs) UAE won by sever wickets. Denmark 143 (47.2 overs); Malayssa 112 (41 5 overs) Denmark won by 31 runs Group C

East and Central Africa 26 (15.2 overs)

Holland 27-2 (53 overs). Holland won by sight wickets

Group D italy 128-8; Bermude 129-3 (31.1 overs). Bermuds won by seven wickets.

SECOND ROUND GROUPS: Group E-Group A winners, group D winners, group B curners-up, group C curners-up, Group P. Group B winners, group C winners, group A runners-up, group D runners-up. TODAY: Holland v Nemible; United States v Gibralter; Neteyele v Argentine; Censala v Fij; Bangladesh v West Africa; Kenye v Singapore; Bermuda v Hong Kong; Scotland v Papua New Guinea.

making their debut as an associate ICC member. Denmark beat Malaysia. the host team, by 31 runs and should qualify from group B if they can overcome the United Arab Emirates tomor-

The optimism in the Irish

camp was enhanced by a

patchy performance by the United States, who beat Sin-

gapore by 106 runs in the third group A game, after slipping to 131 for six. Holland made short work

of East and Central Africa as

also against Holland, in 1994.

and D looked unconvincing. Bangladesh allowed Argenti-

na to score 138 and lost five

wickets getting them and Ber-muda failed to bowl out Italy.

row. Scotland, who have lost

all four warm-up matches.

play their first match today

against Papua New Guinea.

The top seeds in groups B

Evans set to make welcome return

IEUAN EVANS could make a surprise return to action for Llanelli in their Welsh League first division match with Treorchy at Stradey Park tonight. The Wales and British Isles wing, sidelined since the international against France five weeks ago with hamstring trouble, is set to return to the Llanelli team as they seek to finish in the top four in the league, which would see them qualify for the Heineken Cup

"leuan wants to play against Treorchy but we will wait and see what the Welsh Rugby Union physiotherapist, Mark Davies, reports back to us after examining him," Anthony Buchanan, the Lianelli team manager, said. "We are finding some excellent form at the moment but we know we have a difficult run in to the end of the season. We will have to perform in every single game to be sure of a top-four finish." Treorchy will be looking to do better than their 25-20 defeat at Newbridge on Saturday.

Much rests on Moody

CRICKET: Tom Moody, the Western Australia captain, is the obstacle between Queensland and victory in the Sheffield Shield final in Perth today. Western Australia, chasing a target of 465, were reduced to 18 for four on the fourth day of the final before Moody helped to lift his side to 166 for five at the close with an unbeaten half-century. If Western Australia manage to bat out the day, the match will be drawn and the home side will win the shield under the rules of the competition because they finished top of the table overall.

O'Reilly resigns

RUGBY LEAGUE: Ross O'Reilly has resigned as coach of Workington, the first division club, after the defeat away to Swinton Lions on Sunday left them bottom of the table with no points after three games. Workington were relegated from the Super League last season and O'Reilly, an Australian. who joined the club last March, said: "I believe my decision is best for everybody concerned. A succession of poor results has not helped us and I decided it was best if I left the club."

Cairns forced out

SQUASH: A detached retina has forced Mark Cairns, of Oxfordshire, out of the Equitable Life Super Series finals. which start in Hatfield tomorrow. Cairns qualified for the international play-offs after finishing the eighth-highest points-scorer on the Hi-Tec PSA Super Series circuit over the past year. "My sight has improved already, but I cannot possibly play at Hatfield," Cairns said. "Maybe the British Open next week is a possibility."

Testing time for Okoh

BOXING: Chris Okoh, of Croydon, has spent extra time in the "classroom" preparing for the defence of his Commonwealth cruiserweight title against Denzil Browne at the Lewisham Theatre tonight. Frank Maloney, the promoter. told Okoh to "go back to school" after struggling in his last defence, against Tosca Petridis, of Australia, and will want see a big improvement. "I'm told that I'll be impressed with what I see," Maloney said.

Gunn honoured

FOOTBALL: Bryan Gunn, the Norwich City goalkeeper, has received an honorary fellowship from the University of East Anglia (UEA) in recognition for raising nearly £500,000 for cancer research. Gunn, 33, launched his appeal after his daughter, Francesca, died from leukaemia four years ago, aged 212. Much of the money raised by the Bryan Gunn Leukaemia Appeal has gone to the UEA, which opened the Francesca Gunn laboratory in 1994.

BOXING: NEW MANAGEMENT PUTS ITS TRUST IN FORMER EUROPEAN CHAMPION

Jacobs steps up a division to make his return

European and Commonwealth champion, returns to the ring tonight after an absence of nine months (Srikumar Sen writes). After Jacobs, 31, lost his European title to Patrick Charpentier, of France, who stopped him in seven rounds, he was advised by Mickey Duff, his manager, to retire. Duff said that when Jacobs decided to carry on, he agreed to release him from Jacobs signed with Frank Maloney and

GARY JACOBS, the former British, moved up to light-middleweight. If he does not bring a weightier punch to the division he could be found out by his opponent tonight, Jimmy Vincent, from Birmingham, who has won his past four

However, Maloney has a high regard for Jacobs, believing him to have too much experience (50 contests, of which 16 have been for important titles, including one world championship attempt) for Vincent.

"We believe that Jacobs still has plenty left in him," Ed Robinson, Maloney's publicity man, said. "Everyone wrote him off when he was beaten by McGirt. Boucher and Hughes but he came back. Look at Billy Hardy and Steve Robinson.

Still going strong. Under his new trainer, Dean Powell, Jacobs is looking good again. Vincent is a tough fight but we believe Jacobs will win. If he cannot beat Vincent he is not going

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There are two sets of forecasts this week because of the Easter holiday

Davies joins elite with formidable triumph

From Patricia Davies in phoenix, arizona

the cut at the Standard Register Ping tournament because she had hurt her wrist playing cricket in the car park. She has scarcely played a false stroke since at Moon Valley and on Sunday, the golfing gods allowed her to join the immortals.

Davies is still very much flesh and blood, but a little hyperbole is in order because, in a finish of Hitchcockian drama and suspense, in which she beat Kelly Robbins, a dogged American, at the first extra hole, the world No l. achieved more than just

another victory. It was her fiftieth win worldwide - "that's always been the big goal," she said - and her fourth in a row in the Standard Register Ping. "It's a bonus to win this particular event because of the association with the Solheim family and their contribution to women's golf," Davies said. Karsten Solheim, the inventor of the Ping putter and backer of the Solheim Cup, and his family own Moon Valley.

The four-peat (an ugly, but inevitable, Americanisation) is where the immortal status comes in, for it is such a rarity that only Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen have it to their credit - Hagen in the US PGA Championship and Sarazen in the Miami Open. Davies is the first woman to achieve such status — she will have another chance to fourpeat at the Itoen tournament in Japan later this year — and was only too aware of the

significance of the event. Every day coming to the course, I'd try not to think about it," she said, "but I did. It's hard to be blase when you

IN 1993, Laura Davies missed The money spends and it's nice looking at the trophy, but one day, one hundred years from now, somebody will look at the four-peat and know that I was the first to do it."

In 1994, Davies became the first European to top the United States money-list, but in 1995, Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, was the first European to be No I on the US and European tours in the same season, relegating the Englishwoman to second place on both sides of the Atlantic. not a position she relishes.

Last season, Davies was the Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA) player of the year, succeeding Sorenstam, but the No I spot on the US money-list was snaffled by Karrie Webb, an Australian in her first season on the LPGA tour. Davies, in second place. won more than \$900,000 (around £569,620), but it was Webb who became the first LPGA player to win more than \$1 million in one season.

Undoubtedly. Davies did not want to be thwarted again and on a tricky, breezy day, on a sun-baked course, the 33-year-old produced one of the best rounds of her career, a 68, five under par. A timely run of three consecutive birdies from the 12th — including a huge putt of 40 feet for a four at the 13th - was enough to see off all challengers - at the turn, six players were within two shots of the lead - but

Robbins, 27, a member of the last two US Solheim Cup teams and one of the longest hitters on the tour, was one shot behind Davies with two holes to play. She made par at the 17th, hit a big drive down the last and a sand wedge to 15



Davies celebrates after sinking the putt at the first play-off hole to clinch victory

wavered and Robbins and Davies were tied at 277.

Robbins had participated in four sudden death play-offs and had lost none: Davies had never won one in six previous attempts. They repaired to the 400-yard 18th once again and Robbins boomed a huge drive into position A. Davies resisted the temptation to change her game plan - she had used her driver sparingly all week - and hit a two-iron to the left

of the fairway, but safe. She had 90 yards to the front of the green, 102 yards to the pin. The ball came up short of the green and it all began to look like a classic feet. The birdie putt never Davies play-off. "Normally FINAL SCORES

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they knock it close, tap it in and I say well done," she said afterwards. Robbins, with 98 yards to negotiate, hit a sand wedge well but, as she made contact, the wind gusted and the ball flew too far and into a

bunker. She failed to get up and down, missing a putt of some eight feet and Davies, who had chipped up to four feet, rolled her putt home. On top of everything else,

she won \$127,500, to take her earnings at Moon Valley, to \$442,500 in the past four years. She also moved up the LPGA money-list to fourth, with \$215.383, behind Robbins, Webb and Sorenstam, who stands at No I.

For once, however the money was secondary and Davies summed everything up best. "To get the luck and to get the breaks at the right time was unbelievable," she said.

terrain been particularly hard

ent. It has hills and slopes and

Olazábal's fitness will be put

under scrutiny. The course

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confidence with every club in

The one thing he self-con-

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Maspalomas course, he could get away with a three-wood or

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driver. Even at his fittest, Olazabal was not the longer

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If he can achieve that, can he

be a contender? Of course he

can. Great golfers, like their

life, have two things in com-

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respect. And if he is found

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TELEVISION CHOICE Spiky in body and mood *

The cameras go underwater to record the strange life of the strickleback, one of the smallest of Braish native fish but one of the most aggressive. Although barely two inches long it can see off predators many times its size, thanks to its stickles or spines which, in the colourful simile of the commentary, make it as palatable as barbed wire.
To sharp spines are allied short tempers and heaven help news, dragonily nymphs or any other creatures that try to invade the stickleback's territory. The centrepiece of the film is an intimate close-up of the stickleback's courtship, an elaborate risual in which the male tries to entire the female to enter his more. It is the reals enter his nest. It is the male, interestingly, who brings up the young, a reversal of common practice not only in the animal world but among the human

Timewatch: Birth Story BBC2, 9.00om

Until the late 1940s most women had their babies Until the late 1940s most women had their babies at home, in familiar surroundings and with another woman, a friendly midwife, to bein with the birth. Then came the National Health Service and a radical new approach to childbirth. The aim was that women should henceforth give birth in hospital. It was held to be safer. Under the old system, many women had died in childbirth. But expectant mothers did not take kindly to the cold white walls and scrubbed floors and to male obstetricians telling them what to do. In a penetrating insight into social and medical history, Sallyann Kleibel and Rebecta Sandiford chart the fight by women to regain control of their bodies. It fight by women to regain control of their bodies. It is the story of the advance of natural childbirth, the return of the midwife and a more humane

Witness The Polygamists Channel 4, 9.00pm

The followers of the True and Living Church of Jesus Christ of Saints of the Last Days (which can thankfully be abbreviated to TLC) seem not to have heard of women's lib. If they have, they take no notice. A fundamental tener of the TLC, which thrives in the Utah town of Manti, is polygamy.

A pair of courting sticklebacks (CA Span)

The unfortunately named Randy, who has two wives, declares that phiral marriage is the law of God. He offers no scriptural justification for this Nor does Kaziah May, who shares her hasband with two other women, for her assertion that lesses with two other women, for her assertion that lesses with two other women, for her assertion that lesses in England. The wives of Manti profess themselves happy with their lot, though with God invoked they could hardly say otherwise. From the men you might have expected jokes about plural mothers in law, but the TLC are not a very jocular lot.

Network First The Blind School ITV, 10.40pm (Scottish, 10.30pm)

in a sense this documentary about a school in Edinburgh which caters for blind and partially sighted children is predictable. You would Edinburgh which caters the partially sighted children is predictable. You would not expect a film to show such a school failing its pupils and nor does it. On the contrary, we see blind youngsters doing all sorts of things, from swimming to rock climbing and playing hotball, that might be thought of as the preserve of the sighted. And they are positive with it. One 13-year-old girl may wish she could see her Mum, Dud and sister, and her rabbit, but there is no wallowing in self-pity. Rather, the attitude is that what you don't miss. But the programme makes have you don't miss. But the programme makes you wonder what bappens to the vast majority of Britain's 23,000 blind or partially sighted children for whom this fine school, or one of the few like it, is Peter Waymark

The Reith Lectures

I draw your attention to this, the last in the series, because those who were put off the first four programmes by adverse publicity will get some flavour of what they missed by listening tonight. Professor Patricia J. Williams may have had a Professor Patricia J. Williams may have had a manling on Start the Week but the lectures, on the genealogy of race, have been outstanding, not least for their anecdotal approach. I suspect many were put off by the heavy-handed title of this year's series but Williams is a most accessible speaker. She speaks tonight of trying to "eradicate the animoinal divide between well-meaning white-guilt and the smouldering unhappiness of blacks who dare not speak their mind". Plain enough, surely?

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Dame Vera Lynn at 80

This programme starts unpromisingly in a style which recalls a kind of audio version of Heliot magazine: "We join Dame Vera and her hasband Harry Lewis in their Sussex home as they muse on life, work and being Dame Vera Lynn at 80". But what follows is an absorbing interview, not least because it does not dwell too much on the past. Dame Vera was a pioneer, 30 years ago, of encouraging vital research into breast cancer and she is still very much involved with that cause, among many others (she also took on the Government over pensions for war widows). The programme also demonstrates how adopt are longmarried couples at finishing each other sentences.

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10.00 News; Your Place Or Mine? (FM). An Italian-American group wants to reunite Joe Di Maggio with the village where his parents were born (f) 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jerni Munay 11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts 12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm Booted! An unusual look at literature, chaine by lan McMillen (6/6) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarks 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Books and Company (3/6) (r) 2.39 Kirl. Dame Kri Te Kanswa talks to June Knox-Mawer about her life and her music (r)

4.45 Short Story: Florts, by Colette 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock Heura 6.30 No Commitments. Simon Brett's cornecty

following the lives of three sisters (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 America Atomica. John Stater looks at the problem of nuclear weste (3/3) (r)
8.30 Science Now, with Peter Evans (r)
8.31 The Reith Lectures

8.00 Science Now, with Peter Evans (r)
8.30 The Reith Lectures. See Choice
9.00 In Touch, with Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Reading in the Dark, by
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11.00 Mediumwave, with Vincent Hanna (r)
11.30 Word of Mouth (FM). Russell Davies exploits way we use words (6/6) (r)
11.30 Reading Pigs and Glast Marrows (LW)
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30am The Late Book: The Wasp Factory, by Banks. Read by Joseph McFadden (2/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Servic

SWIFTCAL

Mawar about her life and her music (r)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope, Paul Vaughen looks at new collections of poetry and literature and meals the Irish accordion virtuoso Sharon Shannon

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1, FM 97.8-89.8, RADIO 2, FM 88.0-90.2, RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4, RADIO 4, FM 92.4-94.6: LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 683, 909. WORLD SERVICE MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am).
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Valiant Olazabal has drive to succeed IF TOTAL physical fitness Mel Webb salutes the Spanish golfer who those appearances has the

shown than in his perfor-

mance in the sunny Canary

Olazábal went to 20 under

par when he registered his

sixth birdie of a closing round

of 67 on the 72nd hole at

Maspalomas, Gran Canaria.

He was four feet from the bole

and had three putts for the

title; he needed only one of

It was a triumph against the

odds, a triumph in the face of

obstacles that, as recently as



Olazábal: great character

were the sole qualification for winning a tournament on one achieved a remarkable comeback victory on his feet. Augusta is differof the great tours of world tional golf, then José Maria Olazábal should never have gone within ten shots of taking the Turespaña Masters title on Sunday. But take it he did and he took it more than anything else because of his indomitable character and

pureness of spirit.

Everybody knew he was a remarkable man and an even

more extraordinary golfer; just how remarkable and extraordinary was never better

(b) A moth. Used by Linnaeus as a generic name for all moths. Afterwards for all below the Sphinging, or for the Geometrina. Not now used with any entomological value. 1752: "The antennae of the Phalena are attenuated to the point. The species

(c) A kind of axe formerly used as a weapon of war, a battle axe Also, a form of this retained till the end of the eighteenth century in naval warfare for boarding, resisting boarders, cutting ropes.

in naval use to the end) it was a short-handled weapon, which could be hung at the saddle-bow or held under the shield, and used in close fighting. In Chancer's The Knight's Tale it is one of the short weapons specifically forbidden in the tournament as

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qg7+! Rxg7 2 Rxe8+ Qf8 3 Rxf8+ Kxf8 4 Ne6+ and White wins easily on

It probably varied in form at different times, but origin

last September, seemed insurmountable. At 31. Olazábal should have been looking forward to moving from a wondrous spring to the glori-(c) Obsolete and wildly politically incorrect US slang for a Black. ous summer of his career. Abbreviation of Cuffee, a personal name formerly common among Negroes. Walt Whitman. Leaves of Grass, 1855: "Growing Instead, he was seriously woning black folks as among white,/ Kanuck, Tuckahoe gressman, Cuff." dering whether the agony from his feet would prevent him from being able to walk properly again, let alone bring his talents back to the course. (b) A resinous substance used by the Indians of South America as an arrow-poison. Equals curare and woorali. Tennyson, 1880:
"And mangle the living dog... / Drench'd with the hellish Lesser beings would have given up, but Olazábal is a Basque, and Basques are the

that wears its pride on its sleeve. His heart wanted so much, but his ailing body was not listening. Now, with the help of Dr

Hans-Wilhelm Müller-Wolfahrt, a specialist at a clinic in Munich, Olazabal has new horizons towards which to march, new challenges to overcome, and the first of them is in a tournament in which he has already nailed a battle honour to his flag - the Masters.

Olazábal, the Masters champion in 1994, is taking this week off before travelling to New Orleans to play in the Freeport McDermott Classic, eek before the Masters, and he will have much to reflect on. He knows that his feet are not quite right yet and he knows that his game is not yet without flaw. Both will receive a searching examina-

tion at Augusta National. He has played three times on the PGA European Tour

those are the qualities that will pull him through, José Maria this season and in none of

Olazabal is back: it was a privilege to be there to see it.

final round a year ago. Mickelson's first-round 72 was the highest start by a Bay Hill winner,

Mickelson discovers the right line PHIL MICKELSON prac-Mark Calcavecchia in the victory over Stuart Appleby,

until dark on the eve of the final round and then made it pay off, pulling away from the pack with a silky stroke to win the Bay Hill Invitational in Orlando, Florida

proudest people in a country

The American rolled in a 40ft eagle putt from the fringe on the 12th on Sunday, the key hole of his seven-under-par 65 that gave him a three-stroke

Mickelson finished on a 16-under total of 272. He earned \$270,000 (about E169,000 for his tenth US PGA Tour victory, along with the grey blazer and Scottish-

record, last accomplished by

styled sword that comes with winning the tournament. Mickelson's 30 on the back nine equalled the course

Appleby, 25, who won his first US PGA Tour event last week at the Honda Classic. showed no signs of losing his form. He scored an eagle on the par-five 6th from ten feet

made nine straight pars.

get to 13-under, but then

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You can't say that in front of the cameras

night chats on Channel 4 with earnest fruitcakes came to an end last night. It will be missed, For the Love Of ... served an entertaining double purpose, you see: to expose eccentric beliefs to the light of day, while also identifying the fruitcakes for future reference. But last night, For the Love Of ... accidentally took on additional significance, since it concerned "cryptozoology" - the belief in mythical animals (such as the Beast of Exmoor, or the "megamouth" shark) which are glimpsed perhaps only every five years. These creatures emerge from nowhere, make marks, and disappear again. Are they merely fabulous, or are they real? And if they are real, why has nobody ever filmed a group — of let's say eight of them — all having a ding-dong dinner party with lots of plonk? You will have penetrated my

already notorious fly-on-the-wall documentary The Dinner Party (Channel 4), in which a group of self-confessed Tory voters shared frank, reactionary views on hanging, homosexuality, immigration, poverty, euthanasia, New Labour and self-help. And the main point (for once) was not that Watson exploited his subjects' good faith. or made them look silly. The main point was that these people - who stand for millions more - are never represented in the media, and are therefore deemed not to exist. After every general election in living memory, psephologists have stood around afterwards gasping "Where did that lot come from?" But alas, they have never really had the heart to go out hunting, and find out. So, as a positive sighting of the

elusive Real Voter, The Dinner Party should give them all something to think about. What became

night brought us Paul Watson's clear was that, far from being pushed into indiscretions, Watson's George and Bridget and Bob and Judish had seized this opportunity to air their unfashionable views, which are otherwise smothered or ignored. The Megamouth does exist, you see; and it believes capital punishment should be brought back, queers are a freak of nature, and blacks have "a serious attitude problem". These are its considered views, and it also speaks highly of The Daily Telegraph. Enough said there, I think.

> ddly, The Dinner Party came across as an almost affectionate film. Admittedly Watson gave these people yards of rope to hang themselves, and in the inserted interviews showed their looming faces in a highly unflattering black-und-white. But in effect, he served their purpose as much as they served his. No amount of creative editing

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

can make a person appear to advocate chemical castration for sex offenders if they actually tend towards rehabilitation. I seriously doubt Watson's cutting room floor was littered with "But some of them come from broken homes!" or "Remember, isn't this how Hitler started out?"

The challenge of The Dinner Party, for the viewer, was to discern how far each view was

their like-mindedness. It was quite clear that a sour young woman called Kathryn demurred from the racist jokes, and had been shocked to meet a genuinely homeless person in Norwich. She was an estate agent, and was filmed motoring fast across a flat East Anglian landscape, while in voiceover she said, "I don't dream about an equal society". But at the dinner party, she was always interrupted before reaching her point, so remained an enigma. But enigmas vote too, of course. In fact, they are known for it.

None of this detracts from the obvious first principle here, which is: if asked by a film-maker to appear in a fly-on-the-wall documentary, always say no. Practise it now. Practise saying no ("NO!"), in the emphatic way children are nowadays trained to yell it when offered sweets by strangers. The

shared by the group. After all, thouble is, we all think we are these were individuals, despite normal — but only because we haven't seen ourselves through the pitiless lens of a camera. The participants of The Dinner Party should have been warned first about Watson's previous casualties. But as people who believe in Darwinian social principles, they must rest content with the consequences of their own decisions. Rather neat, eh?

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The second series of Kavanagh QC (ITV) keeps up good work each week still with top-notch casting and out-of-the-way scenarios. Last night's concerned a diplomat (Michael Feast) who allowed his beloved daughter (Lena Headey) to take a murder rap on his behalf. Michael Pennington turned up as a weaselly M16 man, meanwhile Susan Tracy was introduced as love interest for Oliver Ford Davies. It's a pleasure to see all these

They take things at such a stately pace. Perhaps John Wood will reappear before the end of the series. His dotty, forgetful judge in episode one had plenty more meat on that bone.

Explaining why This Life (BBC2) is so instantly absorbing is quite difficult for a reviewer. because its appeal is like the worst kind of conversation. You see, Miles and Anna blah-blah, so then Miles, yes, he did, and then Anna, eek, vou'll never believe it. and then Joe who fancies Anna well, it wasn't Anna's idea to set him up with another girl, but now Joe thinks it was, because Miles tied out of spite, yes, isn't that rotten? You get the idea. Watching it is like a long phone-call with your best friend, which you interrupt early to turn the fire up and pour a big glass of something. "I'm back," you say, "Now, where were Egg and Milly in all this?"

BBC1

tortured analogy, of course. Last

6.00am Business Breakfast (18854) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (13212) 9.00 Breaklast News Extra (T) (5858106) 9.20 Style Challenge (4105583)

9.45 Kilroy (4885748) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (58212) 11.00 News (T) and weather (6801545) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (7413274) 11.35 Change That (8098106) 12.00 News (T) and weather (7955274)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5996477) 12.30 Going for a Song (6266545) 12.55 The Weather Show (79337309) 1.00 News (T) and weather (23699) 1,30 Regional News (83007854) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (11394361)

2.05 Snowy River: The McGregor Sags Last 2.50 As Time Goes By (r) (T) (5620212) 3.20 Noble Castles (7793201)

3.28 Video Nation Shorts (5404980) 3.30 Playdays (5856090) 3.50 Casper Classics (6228019) 3.55 Hububb (9971738) 4.10 Prince of Atlantis (1855380) 4.35 Pirates (5800767) 5.00 Newsround (T) (3160670) 5.10 Grange Hill (T) (3466011)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (338800) 6.00 News (T) and weather (835) 6.30 Newsroom South East (187) . 7.00 Holiday St Barthélemy in the French Caribbean, the tiny Greek Island of Lipsi; and Peru. Plus: salling around the

Balearics (1) (5019) 7.30 EastEnders Frankis is forced to face a few home truths and Robbie's relexing day off work proves to be a pain in the

neck (T) (699) 8.00 Children's Hospital A teenager who's laken an overdose; two cerebral palsy sufferers; plus: an age-old remedy to help a badly-burnt toddler (T) (4767)

8.30 999 Lifesevers A young boy who fell into a river heading for a waterfall; a policemen's efforts to halt a runaway digger, and the race to save two horses

trapped in tidel mud (T) (3274) 9.00 News (1) and weather (9816)

9.30 One Foot In the Grave Victor Meldrew and his long-suffering neighbour Patrick are persuaded by their wives to make up for past misunderstandings by having a quiet meel out (r) (T) (63632) **WALES:** 9.30 Week in Week Out. (63632)

10.00 Film 97 with Barry Norman Highlights of last night's Academy Aw ceremony from LA, and the celebration parties (3496)

12.00 Under the Influence Scohia Aldred asks how far Christians should go when standing up for their beliefs (7311336) WALES: 12.00 One Foot in the Grave (85336) **12.30am** Under the Influence (9154794) **12.45** FILM: Annie Hell (882930) 2.15 News (8861336)

12.15am Annie Hall (1977) Oscar-winning romantic-comedy directed by and starring Woody Allen as a neurotic New York comedian. Also with Diane Keaton (T) (890959) ·

1.45 Weather (3203355)

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BBC2

6.00am Learning Zone: Open University: Christopher Plantin, Polygiot Printer of Antwerp (7884106) 6.25 Scotland in the Enlightenment (7896941) 8.50 Understanding Narrative (9628670) 7.15 News (T) (7790361) 7.30 Lassie 7.55 Secret Life of Toys (r) 8,10 Wacky Races 8.35 Blue Peter (r) (1) 9,00 Activ-8 (50670) 9,30 Sweet Valley High (r) 9,55 Funnybones (r) (5985835) 10,00

Playdays (5995212) 10.25 Babar (r) 10.50 Lassie: Countdown (1967) The resourceful dog gets into canine adventures with a herce guard dog, an unhappy boy and an injured eagle. Directed by Dick Moder (7226816)

12.00 See Heart (r) (47106) 12.30pm Working Lunch (81038) 1.00 Secret Life of Toys (r) (59952767) 1.15 My Village (81227922) 1.25 Everyone's Got One (1098729) 2.15 The Great Antiques Hunt (r) (T) (5730187) 3.00 News (T) (6759877) 3.05 Going Going Gone (9738106) 3.35 The Beauty Spot (5853903) 3.55 News (T) (6218632) 4.00 Today's the Day (800) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (212) 5.00 Esther (T) (6125)

5.30 True Romance A Canadian couple describe how love halped them to overcome the hardships they faced when they moved to London (308106) 5.50 Lifeline (r) (T) (894854)

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (155477) 6.25 Hearthreak High Anita suspects Drazic may have a learning disability (T) (145361)

7.10 The O Zone (r) (542309)

7.30 From the Edge Access for disabled people on holiday (1) (941) 8.00 The House Detectives: Dunsby Fan Farmhouse Juliet Morris hads out why such a grand Victorian house was built in the middle of the isolated Lincolnshire Fens (2309)

8.30 Food and Drink How to throw the period party (1) (1815)



9.00 Timewatch: Birth Story
Looks at how women's experiences of childbirth have changed (T) (381372)

9.50 Travel Show Essential Guide (977212) 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You (r) (1) (48835) 10.00 WALES: Voices (48835) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (206496)

10.30 Newronight (T) (496380) 11.15 The House Trap (738038) 12.00 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (83978)

12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: The Passionale Statistician (60539) 1.00 Transforming the World (34775) 1.30 Statistics in Society (73152) 2.00 Get by in French and German (27133) 4.00 BBC Focus: Teaching and Learning with IT (86201) 4.30 Film Education: (55268) 5.00 Inside Europe (91572) 5.30-5.59 Film Education, Screening Shakespeares

HTV

6,00am GMTV (6252922) 9.25 Chain Letters (T) (4180274) 9.55 Regional News (T) (5972361) 10.00 The Time, the Place (62090)

10.30 This Morning (89490570) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (7951458) 12.30 News (T) and weather (6284941) 12.55 Shortland Street (1) (6269632) 1.25 Home and Away (r) (1) (47101748) 1.50 Afternoon Live (11309293) 2.20 Vanessa

(T) (56288800) **2.50** Alternoon (Live (5615380) 3.20 News (T) (2254467)

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3.30 Potemus Park (r) (1414057) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (9318090) 3.50 Bimble's Bucket (T) (9314274) 4.00 Scooby Doo (r) (2137019) 4.15 Hey Arnold! (T) (1856019) 4.40 Are You Atraid of the Dark? (T) (4792854) 5.10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (5039835)

5.40 News (T) and weather (391816) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (142903) 6,25 HTV Weather (171962) 6.30 HTV News (T) (583)

7.00 Emmerdale Steve steps in to restore order at Home Farm (T) (4877) 7.30 The Learning Curve Featuring a school which is pioneering an inspired way to teach children to read; how GNVQ's are encouraging young people to return to the classroom; a music school in Swindon and learn about a dyslexia in Swindon (1) (767)

8.00 The Bill A youth is arrested on a charge of selling stolen goods, but Stater and Garfield are convinced the case is rather more complex (T) (9835) 8.30 Loved by You Kate is not best pleased to

discover Michael still has his old bachelor flat (T) (1670) 9.00 Peak Practice Andrew finally plucks up the courage to tell Erica exactly how he

10.00 News (T) and weather (35361)



Pupils of the Blind School (18.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE Network First: The Blind School How stati at Edinburgh's Royal Blind School teach panially sighted children the educational and practical skills they will need to cope

11.40 Highlander (195309) 12,35em Dating the Enemy (5540626) 1,35 Stand and Deliver (3775626) 2,35 The Chart Show (r) (4797152)

3.25 Coach (r) (38190572) 3,50 Football Extra (i) (4762187) 4.30 The Time, the Place (i) (42794) 5,00 Heirloom (n (26626) 5.30 News (71133)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (6269632) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5039835) 6,25-7.00 Central News (433038) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (767)

12,40am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club 1.15 Film: Shamus (556591) 3.00 in Focus (4459713) 3.45 Football Extra (1988882) 4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (8583713) 5.20 Asian Eye (6798807)

WESTCOUNTRY

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7.30-8.00 On the Land (767) MERIDIAN

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5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5039835) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (903) 6.30-7.00 Michael Barry's Undiscovered Cooks (583) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (767)

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7,00 The Big Breakfast (73962) 9.00 Bewitched (52038) 9.30 Film: The Sad Horse (5513632) 10.55 The Legend of White Fang (2941816) 11.20 The Pink Penther (9857816) 11.45 Rocko's Modern Life (9627309) 12.00pm House to House (32274)

12.30 Baby It's You (76106) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (12481011) 1.25 Film: The Siege at Red River

(94061903) 3.00 Collectors' Lot (6748) 3.30 Montel Williams (361) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (496) 4.30 A Cook on the Wild Side (380)

5.00 5 Pump (1293) 5.30 Countdown (632)

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8.00 Pacio (7477) 8,30 Newyddion (9212) 9.00 Cutting Edge (2496)

10.00 Brookside (702293) 10,35 Dark Skies (956187) 11,30 The Goldring Audit (22106) 12.30am Hill Street Blues (5528404)

1.25-2.25 For the Love Of (4473510)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 am Sesame Street (60944) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (73962) 9.00 Bewitched (r) (T)

9.30 The Sad Horse (1959) with David Ladd and Chill Wils. A boy makes friends with a girl on his grandlather's ranch Directed by James B. Clark (1020632)

10.50 The Legend of White Feng (r) (9554496) 11.20 The Pink Panther (r) (9857816) 11.45 Rocko's Modern Lile (r) (9627309) 12.00 House to House (32274) 12.30pm Light Lunch (79922) 1,30 Australia Wild (r) (T) (75477) 2.00 The Little Colonel (1935, b/w) American

Civil War contedy-drama with Shirley Temple and Lionel Benymore. Directed by David Butler (T) (11090) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (1) (361) 4.00 Fifteen-To-One (1) (496) 4.30 Countdown (1) (380) 5.00 Ricki Lake (1) (1293) 5.30 The Real Holiday Show (r) (1) (632)

6.00 Friends (r) (T) (14054S) 6.25 Ant and Dec Unzipped with guest Gaby

Roslin (158564) . 6.55 Fresh Pop (278354)

7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (652496) 7.55 Betrayal (867800)

8.00 Wild British: A Prickly Peir Two species of British's smallest but most aggressive defensive fish (T) (7477)

8.30 Brookside Jackie and Jimmy are finally reconciled (1) (9212)



Church leader, Jim Harmston (9pm)

9.00 Witness: The Polygemists Manti, Utah, where around 450 families who are all followers of the True and Living Church of Jesus Christ, plural marriage (T) (2496)

10.00 The Operation (1990) with Joe Penny, Usa Hartman and Kathleen Cuinlan. A successful surgeon is sued for malpractice. Directed by Thomas J. Wright (1) (814293)

11.45 Pilm Night includes a discussion on the continuing influence of François Truffaut

12.25am White Dog (1982) starning Kristy
McNichot, Burl Ives and Paul Winfield
The story of an actress who takes in a stray dog that has been trained to attack black people. Directed by Sam Fuller (743404)

2.00 Shock Corridor (1963) Melodrama with Peter Breck, Constance Towers and James Best. A crusading reporter feigns madness to solve the murder of a mental hospital inmate. Directed by Sam Fulle (1) (311201) 3.50 The Reward (1965) Western with Eirem Zimbalist Jr, Max von Sydow and Yvelte Mirnieux. Examining the corrupting effect

5.30 Backdate (r) (T) (79775)

5.00 The Bro Dish (1361)

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6.00cm Teenage Mutard Hero Turties (15293) 6.36 Count Dustate (60570) 7.00 Captain Simian and the Space Monkeys (75060) 7.30 Tates from the Cryptication (4125) 8.00 Bruno the Kid (96019) 8.30 Hey Arnold (86090) 9.00 Rugrats (55570) 9.30 Rugrats (15632) 1 0.00 Aashin Real Monsters (51922) 10.00 Doug (55534) 11.00 Rocko's Modern Life (50632) 11.30 Rabe Monor's Port of View (51351) 12.00

of greed on a group of bounty hunters.

Directed by Serge Bourguignon (933268)

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6pm on Easter Sunday.

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8.00am Moming Gibry (217922) 9.00 Regs and Kathe Lee (86125) 10.00 Another World (47233) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (34729) 12.00 Open Writtey (54877) 1.00pm Geraldo (19835) 2.00 Sally Jessy Rephael (23125) 3.00 Jenny Jones (19361) 4.00 Open Wintey (38496) 5.00 Star Trek The New Generation (2564) 5.00 Real TV (884.) 6 To Manned — with Children (9106) (8854) 6,30 Mamed — with Children (910 7,00 The Simpsons (3293) 7,30 M*A*S* 7.00 The Stripcotts (3237 1245 in 330 Real (8000) B.00 Police Stopi 4 (2341) 8.30 Real TV UK (8749) 9.00 Protest Fenose (51212) 10.00 Unsolved Mydanes (71699) 11.00 Selma Scott Torngin (39125) 11.30 Star Trei. The Next Generation (36922) 112.30mm LAPD (67341) 1.00 Hit Mo.

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Managers strike deal on Giggs

Ferguson keen to relish May's blossom

WHILE Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, sat through Arsenal against Liverpool last night, fingers crossed anxious-ly against any further with-drawals from his squad, he at least had the consolation that no one else dropped out yesterday. The players reported to the team headquarters last night for the international

with Mexico on Saturday.
The main doubt concerns
Gary Neville, the defender,
who has ankle ligament problems and will have an examination this morning. If he is sent home, as expected, he will be replaced by his brother,

Philip.
The inclusion of David May, and possibly Philip Neville, when Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, withdrew Beckham and Pallister and suggested Gary Neville would also be unavailable, was widely portrayed as a rebuff for the United manager. But yesterday Ferguson welcomed May's inclusion if possibly through gritted

Everyone at Old Trafford genuinely delighted for David, we're all very pleased," Ferguson said. "David has

LAST August consensus held

that Leicester City were prime

candidates for relegation

(Richard Hobson writes). They have defied such gloomy predictions emphati-

cally and yesterday Tom

Smeaton, the chairman, un-

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believes will ensure that the

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been exceptional for us this season. He's created this pos-ition for himself, and has been selected for England because of his superb performances." May began to make an

impact towards the end of last season, keeping Steve Bruce, the club captain, out of the final games in the run-in to the double. He began the season in authoritative form, but a six-week absence for a groin operation set him back. He has returned purposefully, with two outstanding performances against PC Porto.

Overseas view ..

"I always looked upon David as a long-term replace-ment for Steve Bruce," Ferguson said. "I played him at right back initially because of injury to Paul Parker, and he wasn't comfortable there. He had to be given time, but I always knew he had the same qualities as Steve Bruce as a person and team player. Now every senior at the club is of international status."

That, though has its draw-backs, as Ferguson knows.

want to be the best team in

England and I see that as

perfectly possible. It will take

a tremendous amount of work

from all concerned but there

compete with the likes of

The flotation will value the

club at around £50 million

and take place in mid-June to

allow Martin O'Neill, the

manager, to strengthen the

squad for next season.

Smeaton also hopes to rede-

Manchester United."

Even after the withdrawal of Beckham and Pallister, United will have 11 players away for internationals — Giggs, Keane, Irwin, Schmeichel, Cruyff and Poborsky on World Cup duty, May, Butt, Gary or Phil Neville, Solskjaer and Johnsen for other internationals. Eric Cantona will be

ireland pair do not report

until Friday.

Mark Hughes, the Chelses striker, is the main concern of Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, for the group seven World Cup qualifying tie against Belgium in the National Stadium on Saturday. Hughes is struggling with a groin strain and will receive further treatment at Stamford Bridge today before joining the Wales squad at their training camp in Newport

about Mark Crossley, the Nottingham Forest goalkeeper, who has recurring back trouble, but is confident that Giggs will be available. He has been troubled by a hamstring problem, yet played in United's 2-0 victory against Everton at the weekend.

Giggs withdrew from the

However, it is believed that

Belgium could be without Philippe Albert, the Newcastle United defender. He injured a knee in the 1-1 draw with Wimbledon on Sunday and is rated a doubtful starter by

Gould is also concerned

squad for the match against Ireland in Cardiff last month, which again raised questions over his commitment to Wales and the influence that Ferguson exerts in club v country matters. Giggs has never played in a "friendly" international for his country.

Gould and Ferguson have struck a gentlemen's agreement whereby Giggs will be released for some friendly internationals. The first test of the arrangement will be when Wales play Scotland in a "noncompetitive" fixture on May

Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager. "His knee is very painful," Dalglish said.



Oxford pass Topolski's masterclass

By DAVID MILLER

THE last wholly amateur significant sports event in Britain - the Boat Race promises to be of truly international standard this year. For the first time in years there is the prospect of more than a gruelling procession of endurance dominated by the leading boat. There could be a real race, a contest in which one or other of two fast crews might overtake the other.

Dan Topolski, the long-time Oxford guru, who talks the truth even if it happens to have a light-blue hue, consid-Dark Blues coach, formerly in charge of the Holland national team, has produced an eight superior even to Topolski's own formidable crews of 1981 and the record-

breakers of 1984. "They are on a par and probably better," Topolski

said. "and certainly faster than we were then." Dismissive accusations that the Boat Race is a sporting anachro-nism of little relevance to senior rowing hold little weight this year.

Beefeater, the sponsor, which will negotiate for a further three-year contract after the race, is helping to sustain a traditional national event distinguished, ironically for an occasion dependent on sponsorship, by its unsullied non-commercialism. A huge BBC television audience

is testimony to that. Mijnders, wisely refusing to theless optimistic about his crew, which yesterday unexpectedly weighed in at an average lib lighter (14st lib) than their opponents.

"We certainly should be faster than previous crews. because rowing has progressed a lot over ten years,"

Weigh-in details.

Mijnders said. "But I'm delighted with the way this crew clicks and is always a crew, and it has a very high

Over the weekend, in four French boat containing six Atlanta medal-winners, Oxford won the sprint and both the longer distances, 25km and 5km, the latter two by seven and eight seconds re-

spectively. No modest feat Robin Williams, the Cambridge head coach, sitting on a

conscious of the challenge to known for eight months that we would have to be good," he said, "but this is one of the strongest crews we've ever

His judgment is based not on a hunch, but by crosscheck references over 26 weeks against results and training performances from previous ears. "Week by week, we've known exactly where we ought to be technically and physically and all the time we've been there." Williams said.

balanced crew, Mijnders has benefited from the ability and infectious personality of Tim Foster, the stroke, who is seldom without a smile. At 27, Foster is considered to be in the same league as Maithew

"Tim has a cool head."

run of three victories, is all too Topolski said, "and is without airs and graces. He is constructive and is always leading, in every sense."

> ford, for all their strengths, is that they are without Boat Race experience, having no former Blues. Cambridge have three, plus three of the Goldie crew that last year broke the record for the second string race. "I think we again have a boat, as semetimes to the past, in which the whole is greater than the sum of the parts," Williams said.

Besides those with Tideway experience, Cambridge are ed in the Olympic flame, Brad Crombie, from Canada, and Alex Story. Usually winning the toss and deciding on station is of little significance. This year it could be particularly important if the crews are as close as is at present being forecast.

Portsmouth will ban guilty fans

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

PORTSMOUTH will ban any of their supporters found guilty of causing trouble dur-ing the disrupted Nationwide League first division match against Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road on Saturday. Of the seven fans arrested during the game, which was held up for 17 minutes during the second half as scuffles broke out, four of them - all from the Portsmouth area have been charged to appear at West London Magistrates' Court on May 19. If they are convicted, Ports-

mouth will bar them from attending future games at Fratton Park. One of them has Intelligence; sympathy (13) already been identified and banned from the ground. They would be excluded for "Come kiss me, sweet and Fiendishly inspired, frantic an indefinite period, not just the rest of the season," Colleen Jordan, the Portsmouth press officer, said yesterday. "We have done this before and will again. We won't tolerate this sort of behaviour."

16 "The — of our discontent" Dave Watson, the Ports-(Richard the 7 dn) (6) mouth security officer, said: "I am liaising with the police and 19 "Pull fathom -" (The 15 QPR to try to find out more about what went on and who was involved. We view this sort of incident very seriously ACROSS: 1 Catch a crab 9 Landing 10 Blown 11 Tart 12 Cenotaph 14 Summit 15 Filial 18 Achilles 20 Hard 22 Envoy and will be making examples of those responsible to deter anyone else from staging a repeat of such disgraceful

scenes." Trouble flared in the Ellerslie Road stand after Portsmouth supporters, unable to gain entrance into the end reserved for visiting fans, had sat in an unsegregated area. Four people were injured and the game was temporarily halted by Kevin Lynch, the referee. When it restarted, QPR went on to win 2-1.

The Football Association has written to the clubs, asking for their observations. and is also awaiting reports from Lynch and the police. "It is a matter of great concern to us and there will be a full inquiry into the events." Steve Double, an FA spokesman,

Eighteen arrests were made for public order offences in nearby Hammersmith later the same night. These were not thought to be directly related to the game," a police spokesman said. They were football fans from a variety of clubs, not just QPR and

Portsmouth. Chris Wright, the QPR owner, missed the game. He is on a skiing holiday in Aspen, Colorado. "From what I have been told, it appears as though it was a few Portsmouth yobs out to cause trouble," he said yesterday.

Gillingham will demand £300,000 from Brighton even if the clubs' proposed ground share at the Priestfield Stadium does not go ahead. Brighton, who have to leave the Goldstone Ground at the end of this season, had originally agreed to move in with Gillingham on a temporary basis.

However, the consortium that is trying to take over Brighton, has recently opened discussions with the nearby Hove greyhound stadium, apparently abandoning the idea of going to Kent.

Paul Scally, the Gillingham chairman, said: "Brighton signed an agreement to pay us £150,000 a year for two years and whether they come to us or not, that is our money. We have an agreement in place and I will hold them to that."

Healy suspended for two matches

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

IAN HEALY, the Australia vice-captain and wicketkeeper, was suspended for the first two one-day internationals of the forthcoming sevenmatch series against South Africa after being found guilty of showing dissent and breaching the International Cricket Council's code of conduct on the fourth day of the third Test match in Centurion

yesterday.
Australia, whose eightwicket defeat took the gloss off their series victory, fell tamely and Healy's sparky innings



Healy: showed dissent

ended with a display of dissent after being adjudged caught behind by Cyril Mitchley, the South African umpire.

Healy refused to leave the pitch and stood hands on hips staring at Mitchley and threw his bat in front of the team dressing-room before picking it up as he walked in.

Raman Subba Row, the ICC match referee, found Healy guilty of violating clause 3 of ICC's Code of Conduct "Players and team officials must at all time accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's

decision." He said in a statement: The team captains and officials were told at the preseries meeting that the players must accept umpires' decisions or face suspension."

Healy will miss the first two matches in East London and Port Elizabeth in the one-day series that starts on Saturday. He was reprimanded last year during the one-day series in Sri Lanks for a similar

Healy is the first Australian and only the third cricketer to be suspended under ICC's code of conduct. The other two were Aqib Javed and Aamir Sohail, of Pakistan.

The Australians have sent for Adam Gilchrist, the Western Australia wicketkeeper, to join the squad. Gilchrist, who had an ouststanding tour of England two years ago with Young Australia, was also flown to India last year as a replacement to Healy for a one-day series.

South Africa, meanwhile, dropped Gary Kirsten, their leading one-day run-scorer, for the series. Kirsten paid the price for a miserable Test series, in which he scored just 82 runs from six innings.

Also left out from the team which won the third Testwere Brian McMillan, the allrounder, who has a heel injury and cannot bowl, and Brett Schultz, the fast bowler.

Louis Koen, 29, the Eastern Province opener, is called up for the first time and the Natal trio of Derek Crookes, Jonty Rhodes and Shaun Pollock and Rudi Bryson, the Northern Transvaal fast bowler, are

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